



NASA JSC Mission Design

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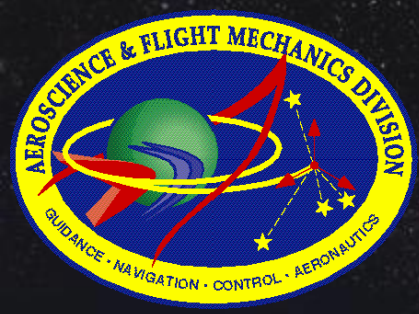


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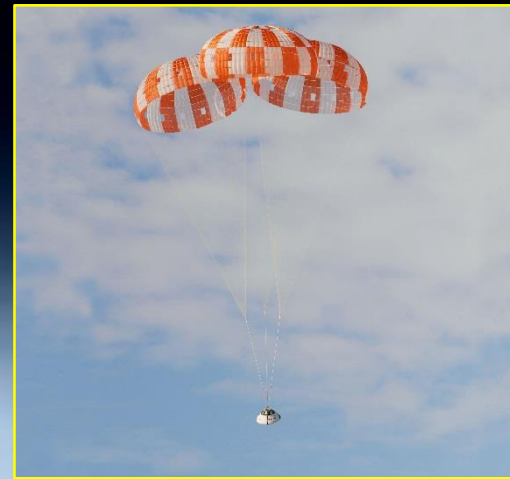
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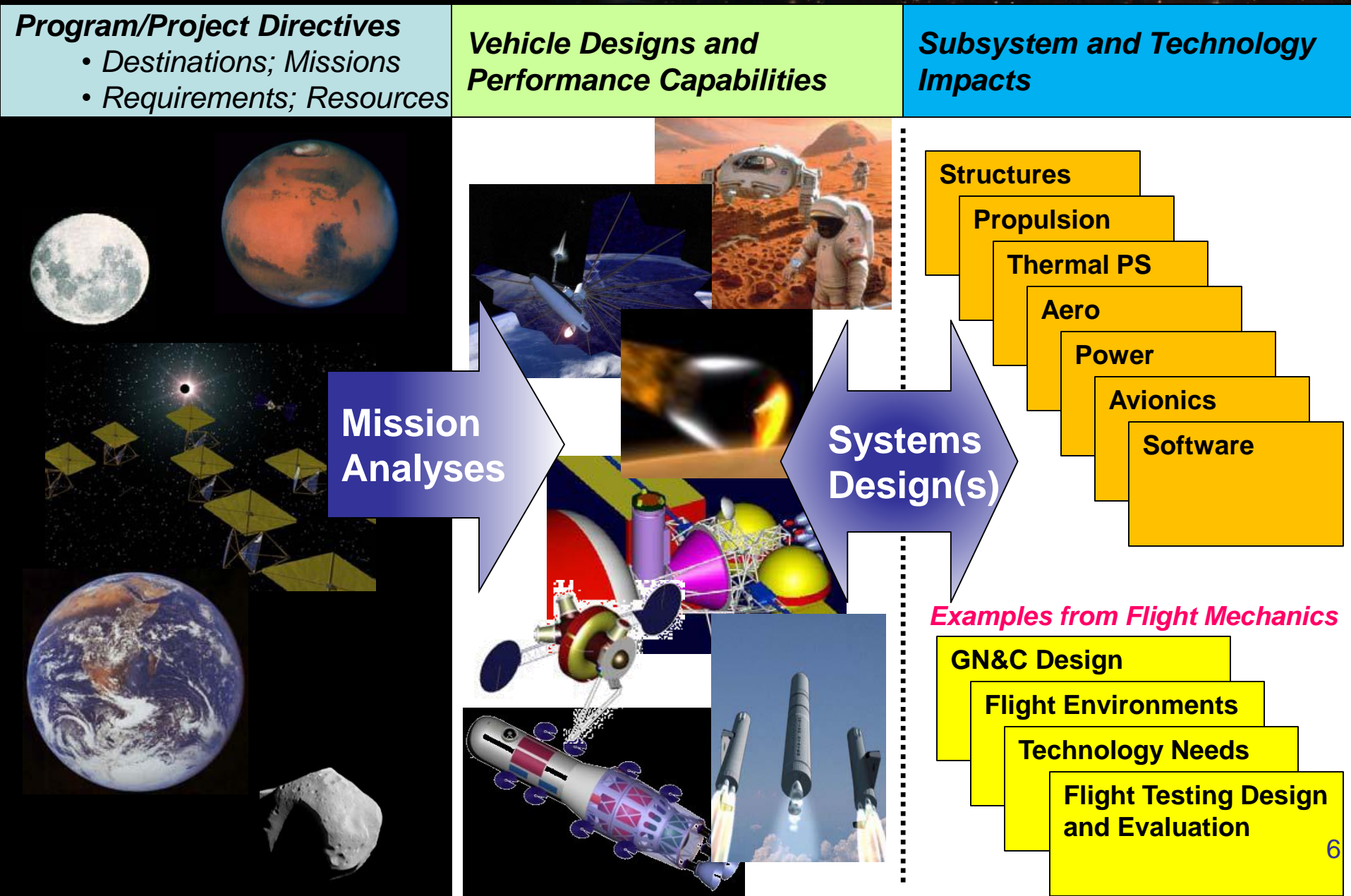
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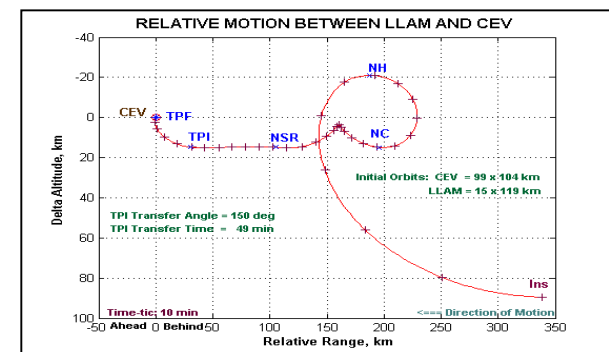
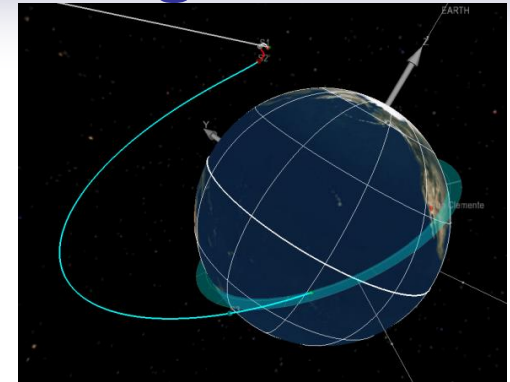


Flight Mechanics and Trajectory Design Roles



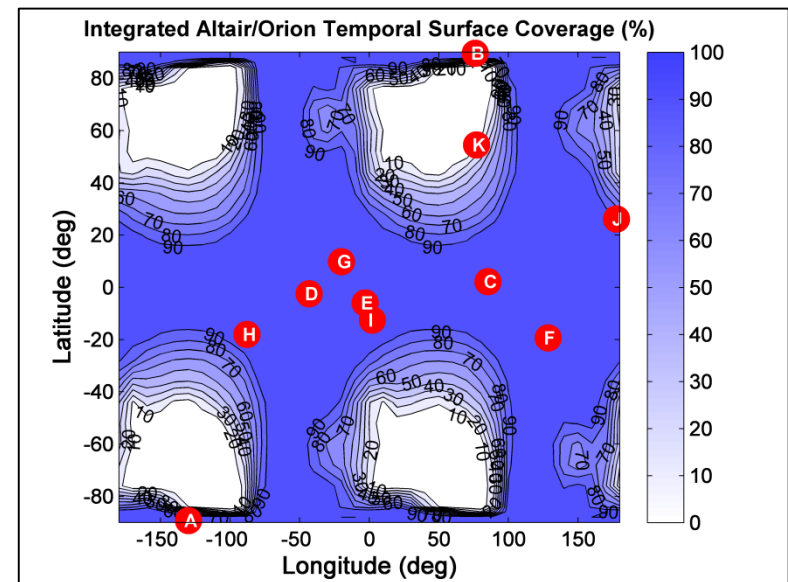
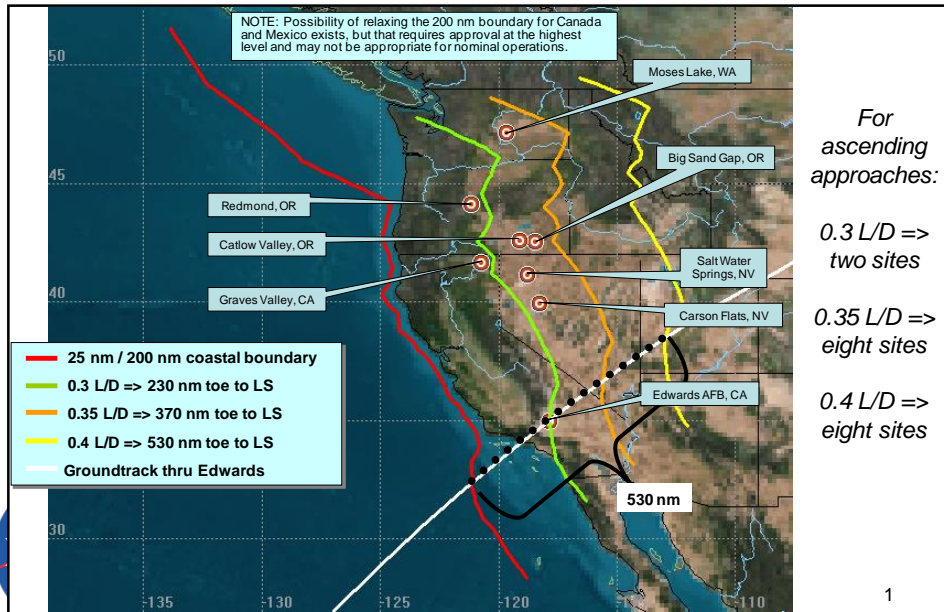
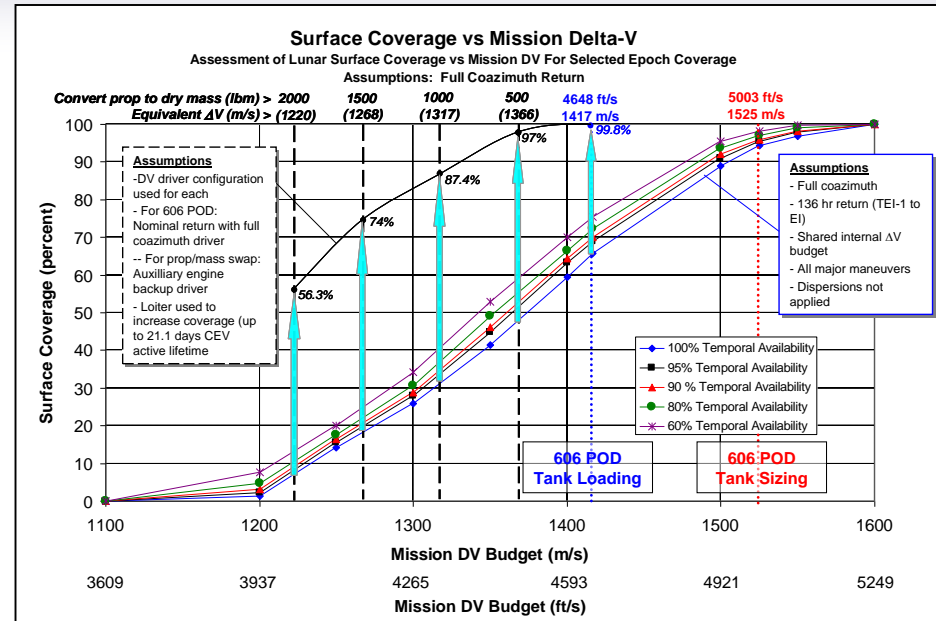
Flight Mechanics and Trajectory Design Roles

- Design/development of mission design and associated trajectories for all flight phases of a space mission, including:
 - Ascent/Orbit/Rendezvous/Interplanetary/Entry/Aerocapture/Terminal Descent
 - Integrated Design Reference Missions
 - Conceptual Flight Profiles
 - Flight Performance Envelopes and Corridors
 - Windows – Launch; De-orbit (including Phasing); Trans-lunar and Trans-Mars Injections
 - Vehicle Capability Evaluations and Requirements
 - Preliminary GN&C Algorithms and Architectures
 - Parachute/Parafoil System Design and Performance
 - Entry Demise and Debris Predictions
 - Optimal Performance Analysis
 - Loads and Dynamics Design for Human Rating
 - Trajectory/Vehicle /Flight Mechanics Visualization
- Software tool development



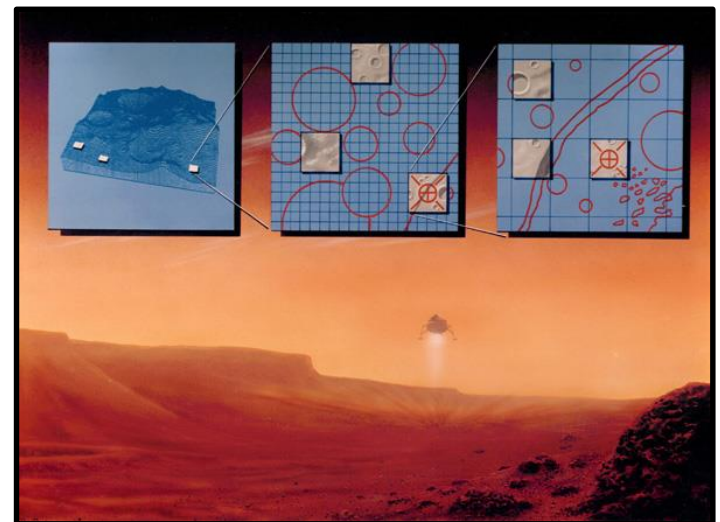
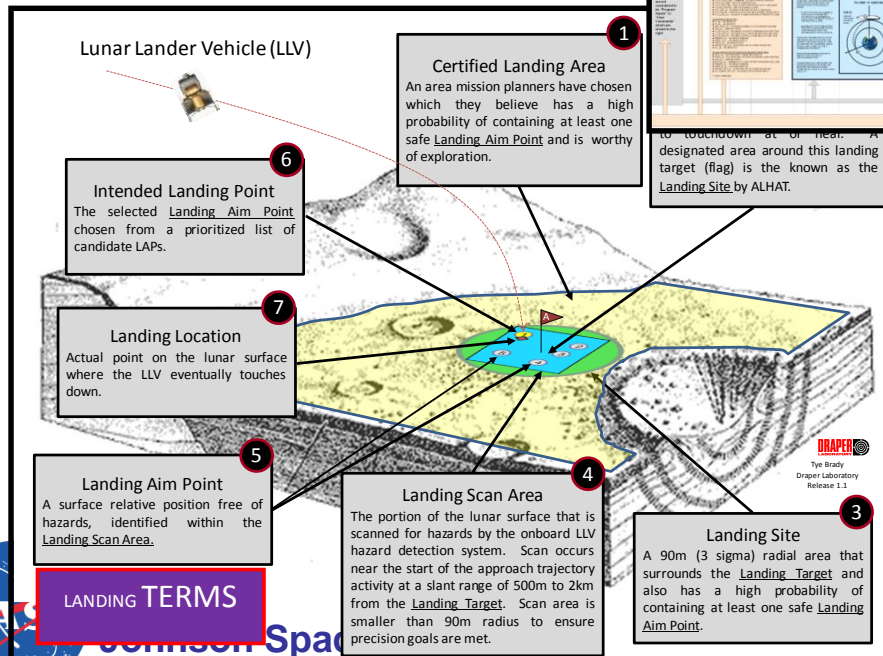
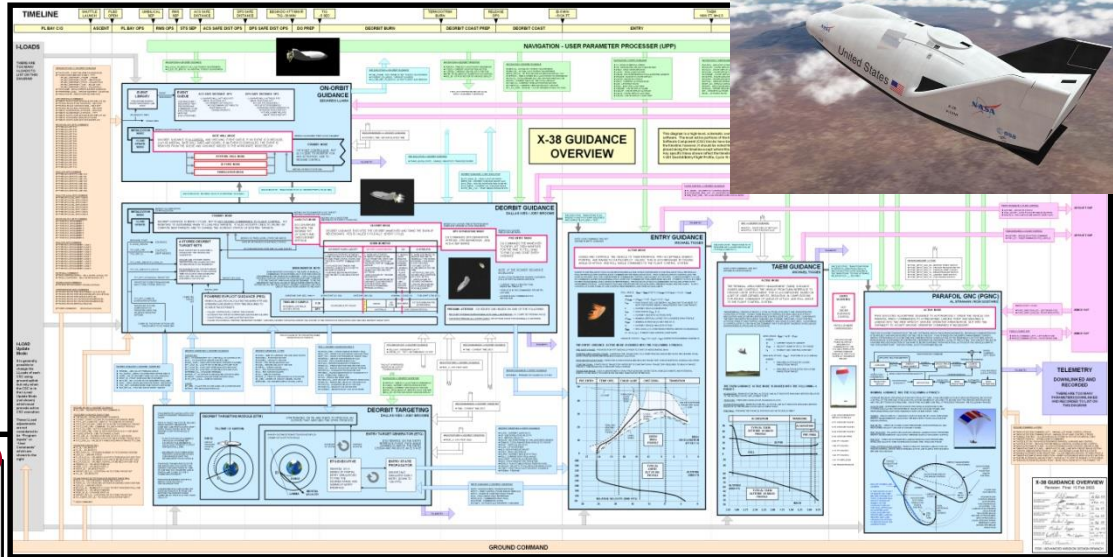
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Vehicle Capability Evaluations and Requirements



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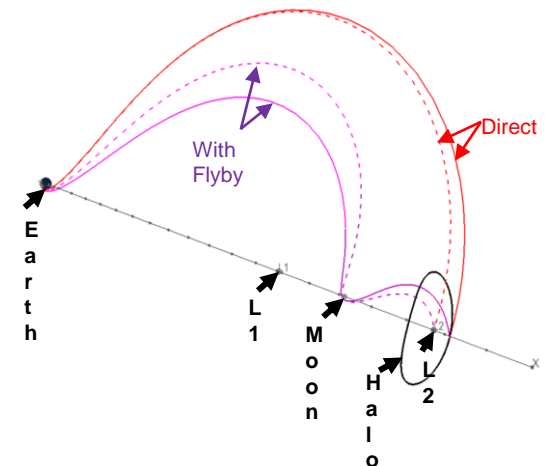
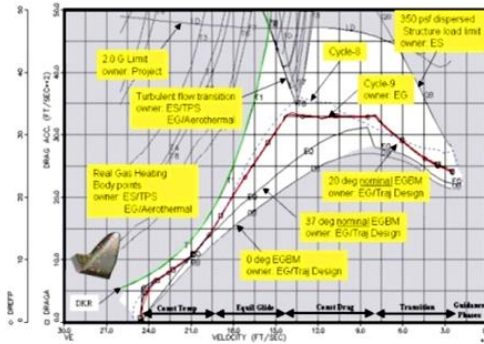
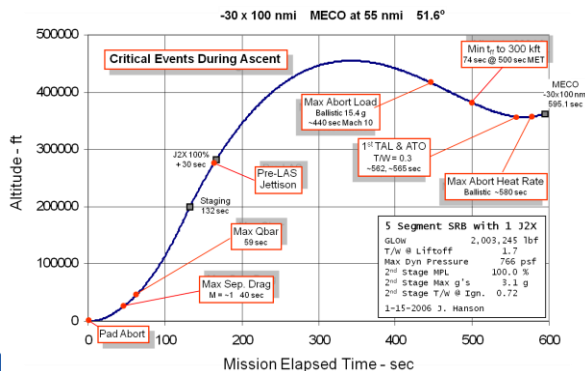
Preliminary GN&C Architectures & Algorithms



Core Strengths

- Collaborative systems engineering approach to mission, trajectory, and vehicle designs
- Optimal trajectory designs for atmospheric and exo-atmospheric flight
- Terminal descent systems design and dynamics
- Guidance algorithm development
- Corridors formulation based on multiple systems constraints
- Monte Carlo evaluation of guided trajectories

Orbital Mechanics
Flight Mechanics
Dynamics
Optimization
Flight Testing
Systems Engineering



Analysis Tools

- **Ascent/Entry/Aerocapture/ Powered Descent**

- SORT & POST
 - 3 DOF - 6 DOF
 - Monte Carlo
 - Optimization w/ GN&C
- Antares
 - 6 DOF w/ GN&C
 - Monte Carlo
 - Ares/Orion
 - Multi-body
- FAST
 - 3 - 6 DOF w/ GN&C
 - Monte Carlo
 - Capable of modeling different vehicles
 - Multi-body

- **Orbital**

- Flight Analysis System (FAS)
 - 3 DOF
 - Launch targeting, rendezvous design, orbital maneuvering
- STK and LandOpp
 - Trajectory graphics
 - Landing opportunities analyses

- **Interplanetary**

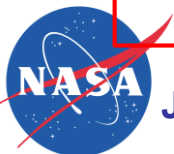
- Copernicus
 - 3 DOF
 - Optimization to any destination
 - Low thrust/High thrust
 - Multi-body
 - Patched conic to Fully integrated
- Mission Assessment Post-Processor (MAPP)
 - Trajectory design scanning and mission planner

- **Entry Debris**

- Simulation for Prediction of Entry Article Demise (SPEAD)
 - 6 DOF
 - Combined heating, structural break-up, and trajectory
 - Predicts break-up sequence and pieces survival

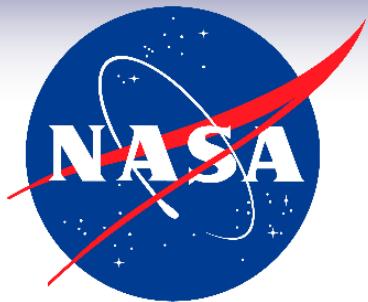
- **Terminal Descent**

- Decelerator Systems Simulation (DSS)
 - 6 DOF – 18 DOF
 - Chute system design, dynamics, and performance
- Parafoil Dynamics Simulation (PDS)
 - 8 DOF parafoil simulation
 - Parafoil design, dynamics, and performance
 - GN&C design



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Copernicus

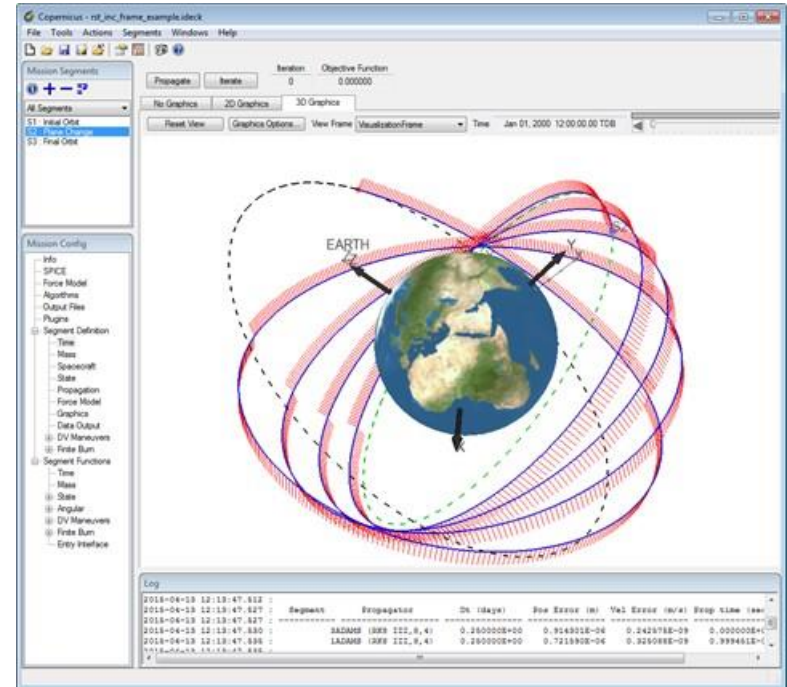
Video

What is Copernicus?

A generalized spacecraft trajectory design and optimization application

An integrated Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Real-time 3D interactive visualization



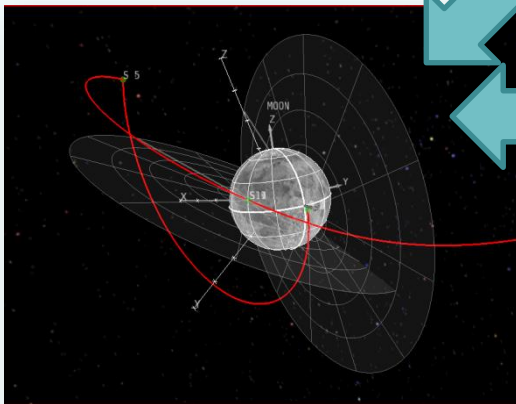
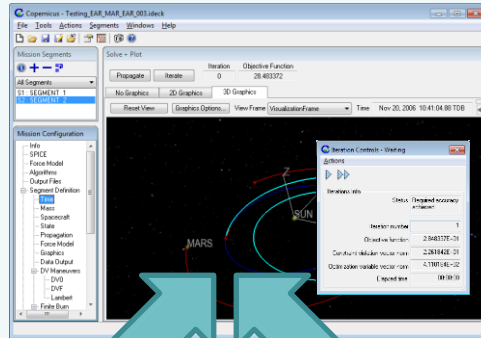
Copernicus Architecture

Copernicus marries a powerful computation engine with a friendly GUI and an interactive OpenGL graphics visualization capability.

Main Program

GUI

User Inputs
Mission Design
Design Modifications
Numerical Feedback



Visualization

Aid in Problem Set-Up
Trajectory Solution Feedback
“Real” Trajectory Insights

Engine

Trajectory Segments
Optimization
Integration
Control Algorithms
Engine Models

Copernicus Libraries



Toolkit Library

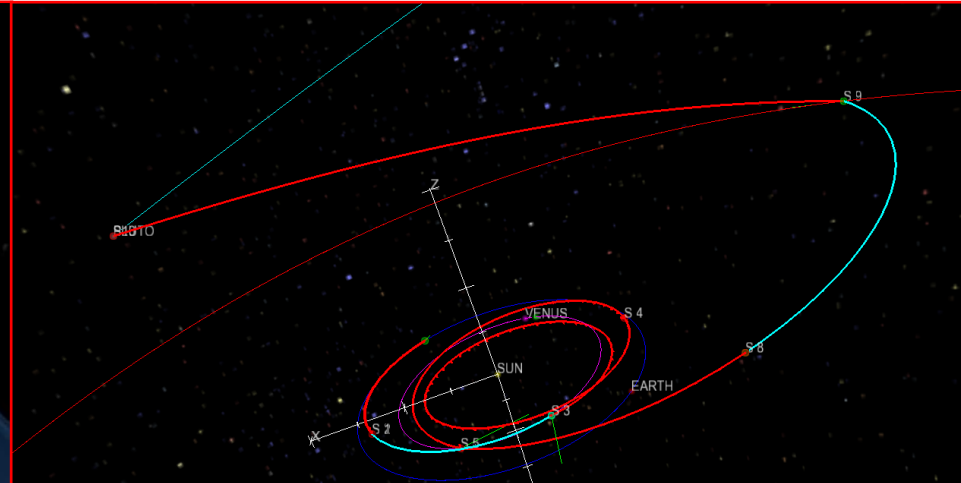
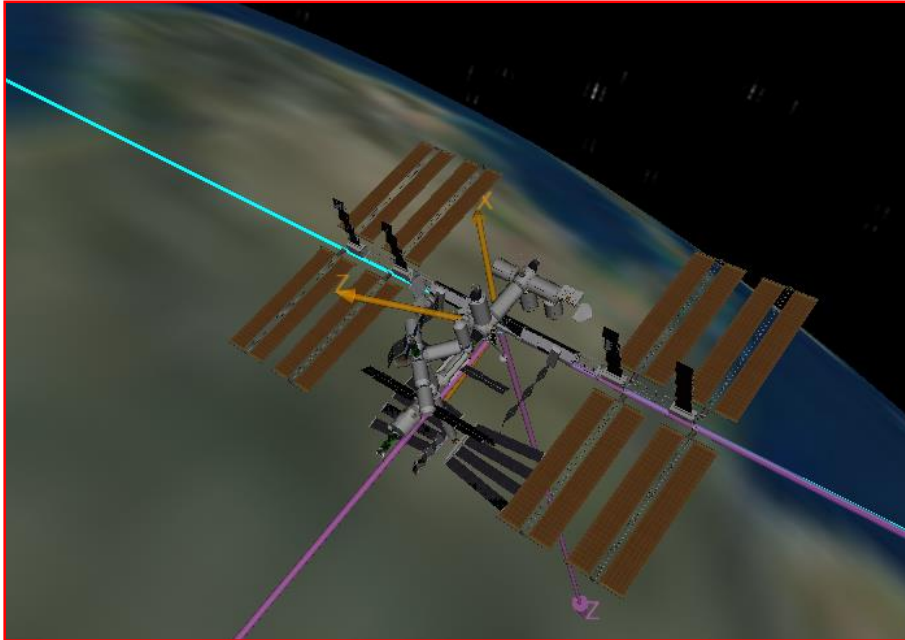
Celestial Mechanics Routines
SPICE Interface
Math Utilities
Coordinate Transformations
Binary File I/O
Gravity Models



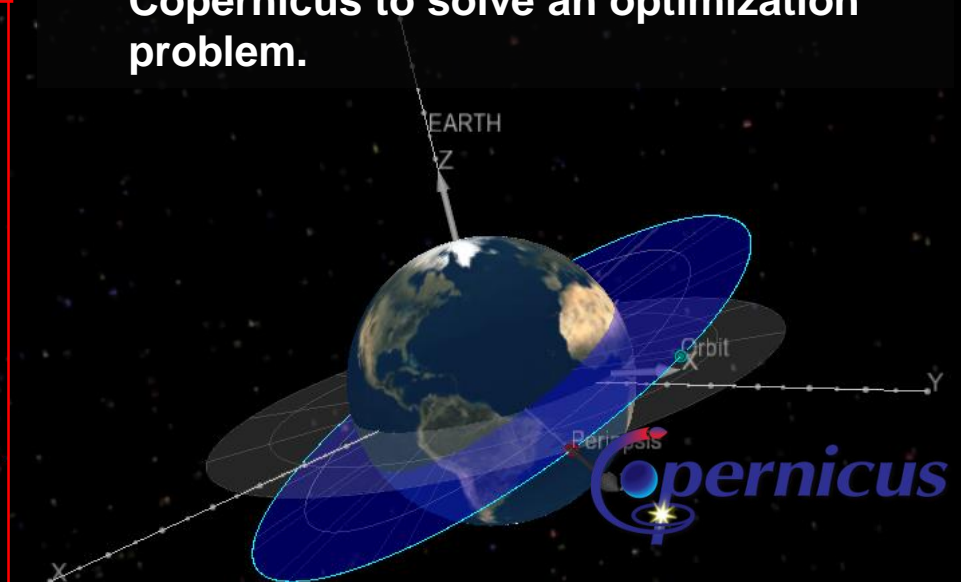
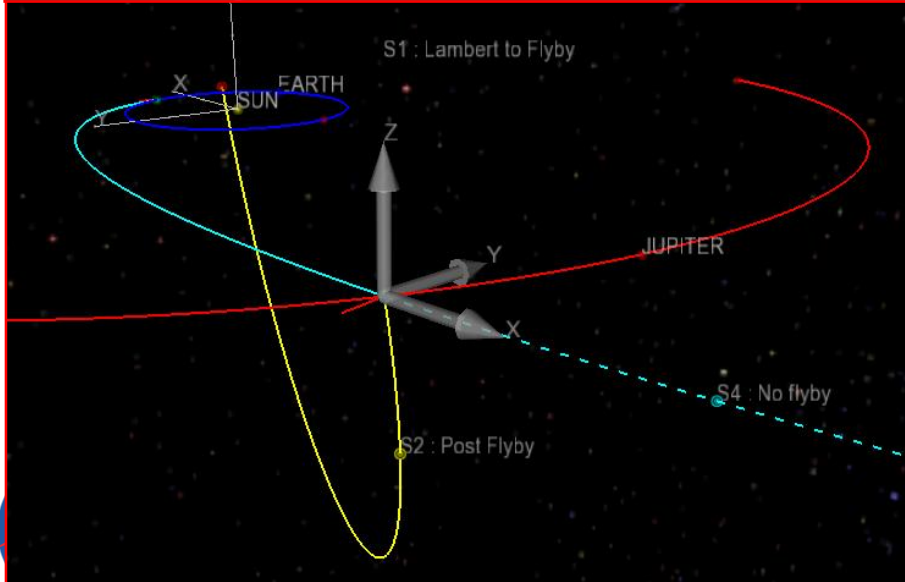
Batch Library

Distributed Processing
Automated Copernicus Runs
Production Data Output

Copernicus: Interactive 3D Graphics



High resolution 3D graphics provide continuous feedback when using Copernicus to solve an optimization problem.





Mission Segments



All Segments

S1 : parking-loiter
S2 : 1st Burn
S3 : Coast
S4 : 2nd Burn
S5 : Coast
S6 : 3rd Burn
S7 : Coast
S8 : Vinf+coast
S9 : EI conditions
S10 : VINF vector
S11 : LLO
S12 : prop

Mission Configuration

- Info
 - SPICE
 - Force Model
 - Algorithms
 - Output Files
- Segment Definition
 - Time
 - Mass
 - Spacecraft
 - State
 - Propagation
 - Force Model
 - Graphics
 - Data Output
- DV Maneuvers
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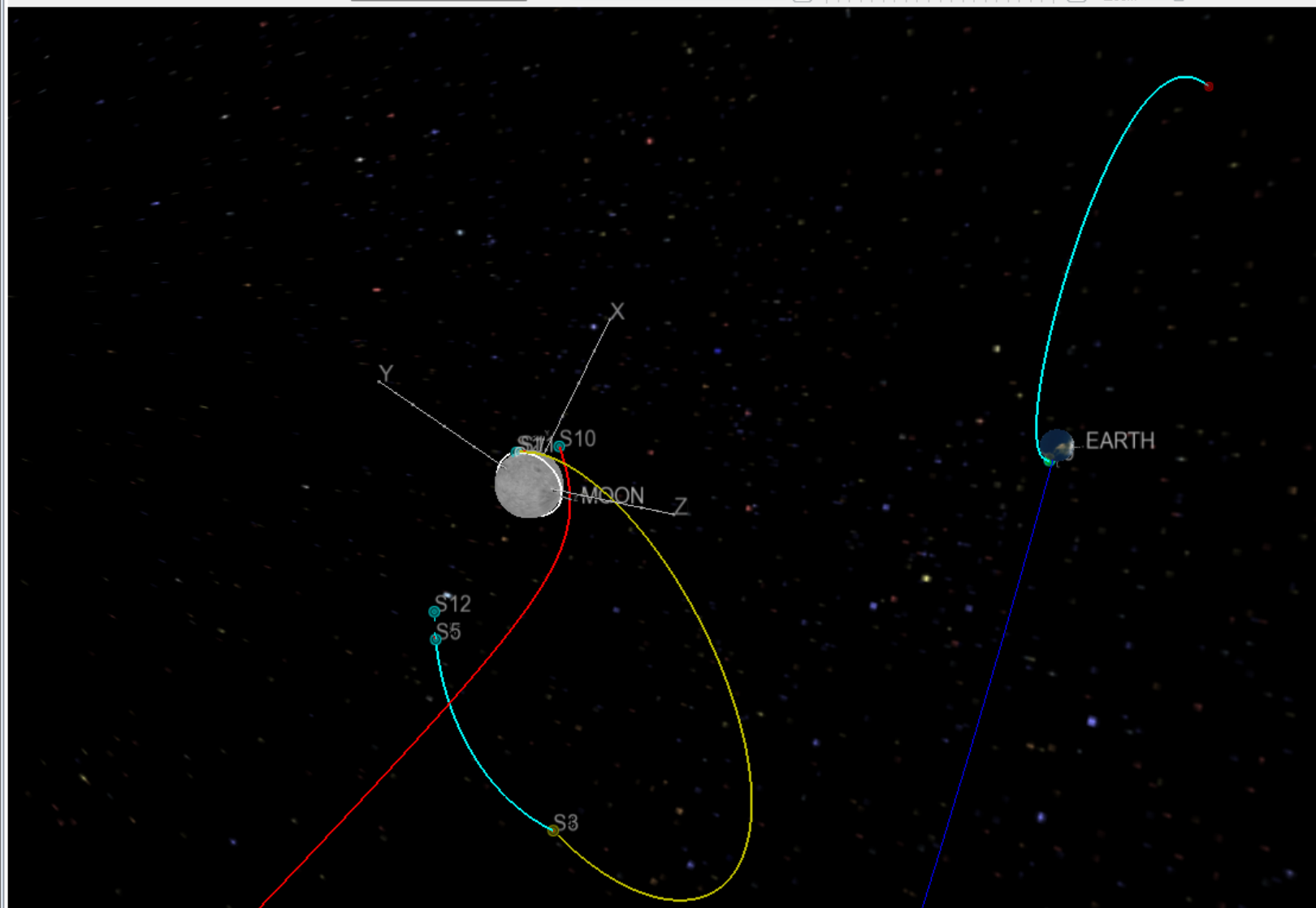
Solve + Plot

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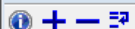
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Start of Problem Solution



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Optimization Variables

Select Optimization Variable

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Value

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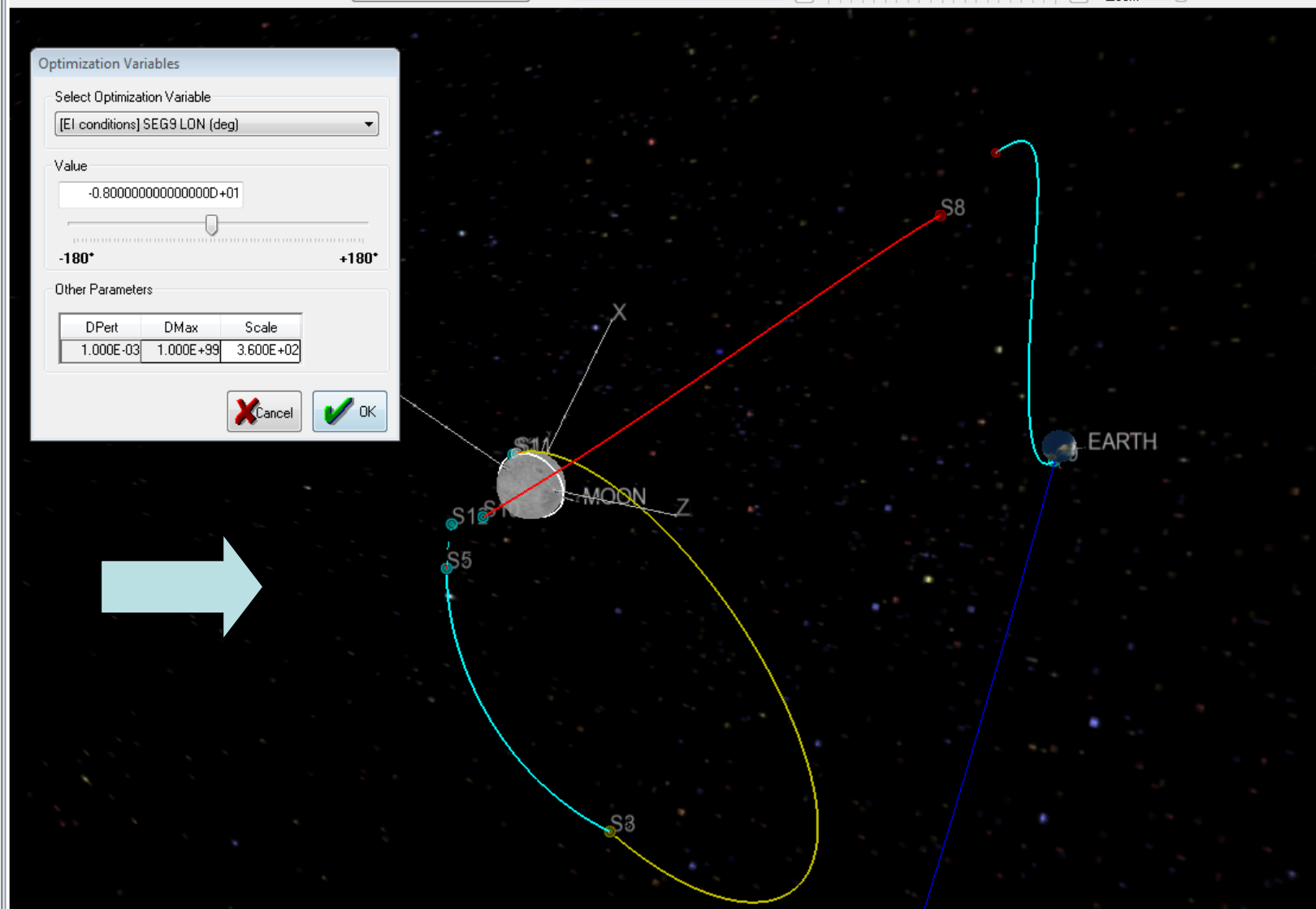
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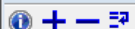


User Adjustment





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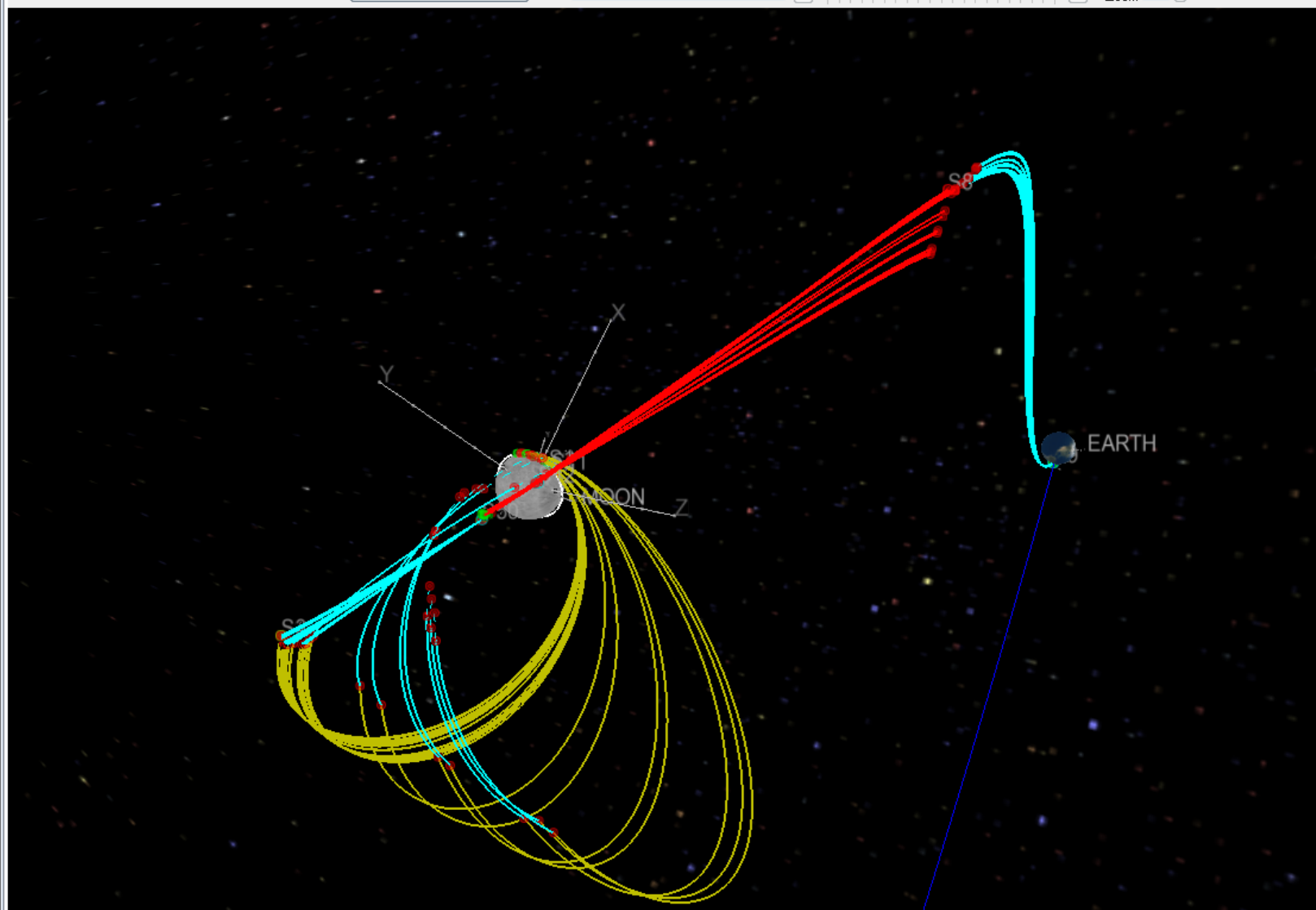
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Iteration Process



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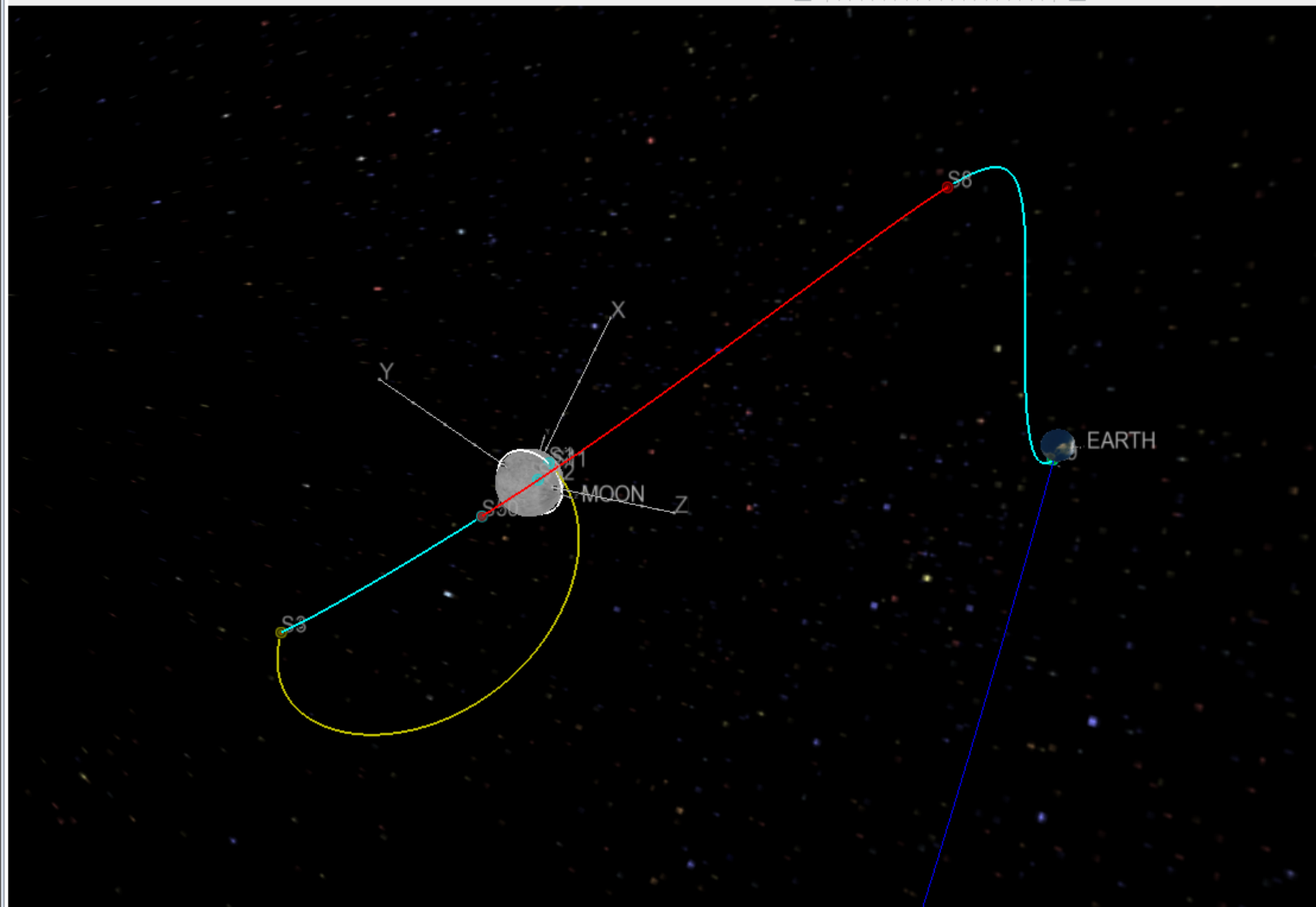
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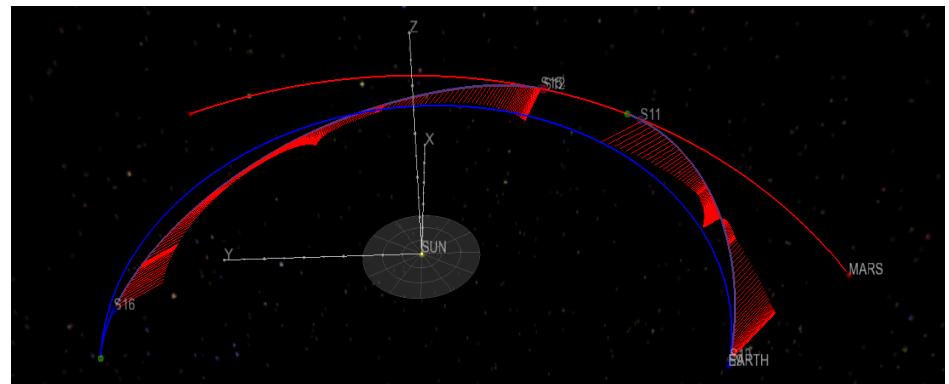
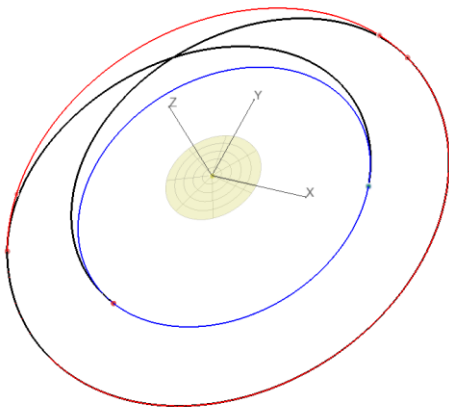
Trajectory Design Features

Copernicus provides enough design features to allow the user to create a myriad of trajectories of varying level of complexity.

- Mission Segments
- Integrators/Propagators
- Optimal Control Theory
- Parameter Optimization
- Numerical Differentiation
- Ephemerides
- Reference Frames
- Finite Burn Engine Models
- Finite Burn Maneuver Models
- Impulsive Maneuvers
- Lambert Targeting
- State Parameterizations
- Maneuver Parameterizations
- Gravity Assists
- Halo Orbits
- Gravity Models
- Visualization
- Text Output
- Batch Capabilities

Levels of Fidelity

- Low fidelity → High fidelity [within the same tool]
 - Scans/trade studies → Detailed mission design
 - Impulsive Δv → Optimized finite burn maneuvers
 - Circular planet orbits → Real ephemeris (SPICE)
 - Evolutionary (DE) → Gradient-based (SNOPT,...)
 - Patched conic model → High fidelity force model





Copernicus Building Blocks: Segments



Many, many classes of problems can be modeled with the segment concept. There are many ways to solve the same problem.

Single points (states)

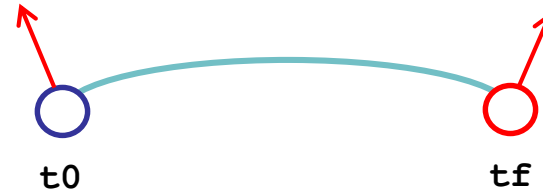


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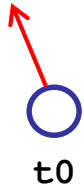


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Impulsive + Coast arc



Single points + impulsive maneuvers

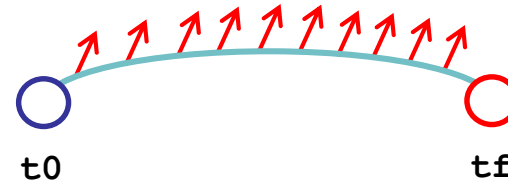


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Finite burn maneuver



Coast arc

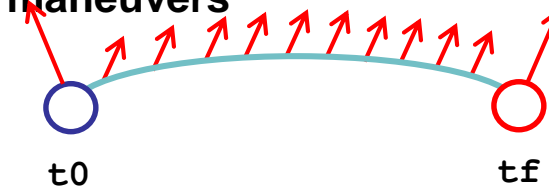


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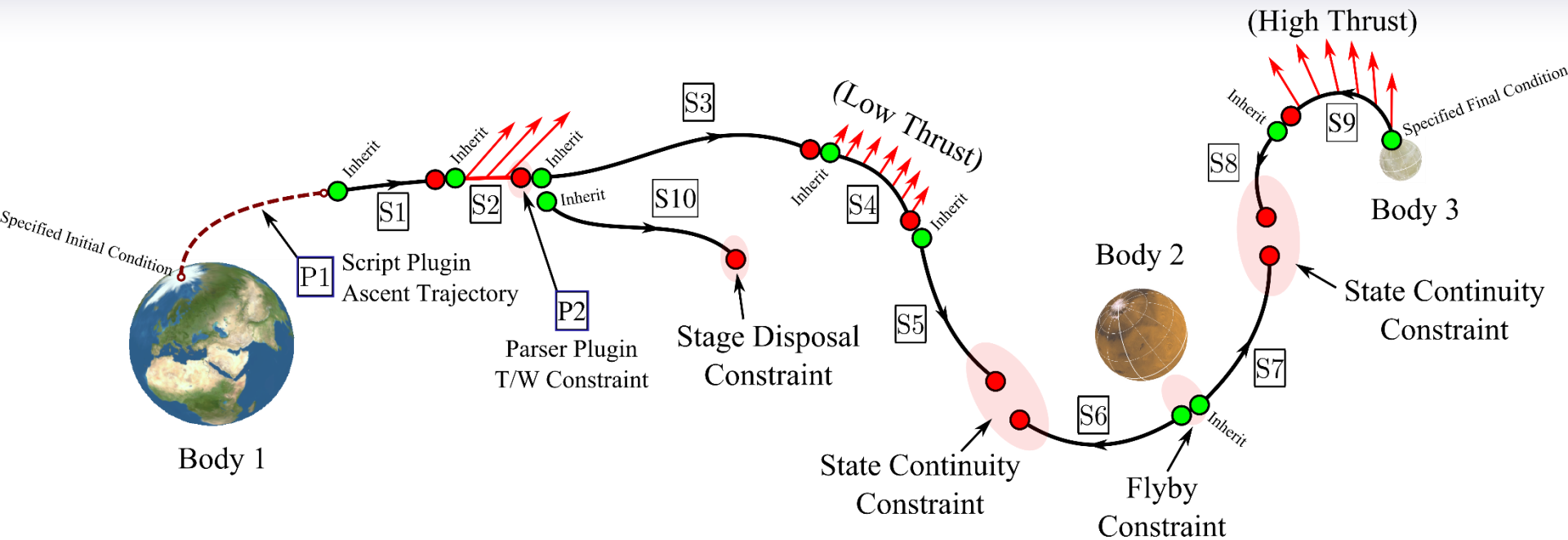


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Impulsive + Finite Burn maneuvers



Building Blocks: Segments + Plugins



- Multiple spacecraft and propulsion systems
- Segment to segment information inheritance
- Plugins allow user-defined capabilities.
- Optimization variables and constraints.
- Forward and backward propagation.

The simple segment construction method can be used to create anything from a simple trajectory to an extremely complex set of interdependent trajectories.

Copernicus User Base



ARC GSFC JSC
JPL, KSC,
LaRC MSFC



GENERAL DYNAMICS



LOCKHEED MARTIN



University of Washington
Space Exploration Engineering
MSNW
Andrews Space

CSNR

ARC

Naval

Postgraduate School

Aerojet

Boeing

Aerospace Corporation

JPL

Edwards AFB

General Dynamics

UA-Tucson

Lockheed-Martin

UC Boulder

Iowa State

SAIC

GRC

RIT

OAI

APL

GSFC

P&W

Innovative Orbital Design

Analytical Mechanics Associates

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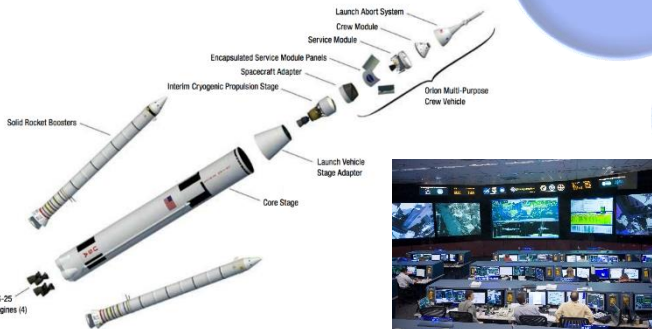
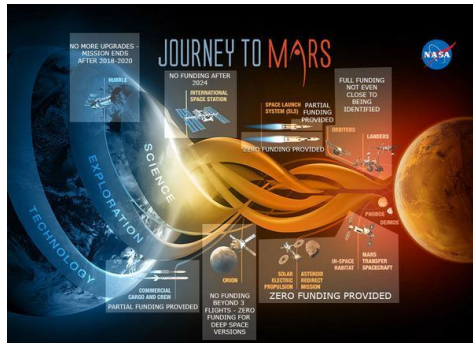
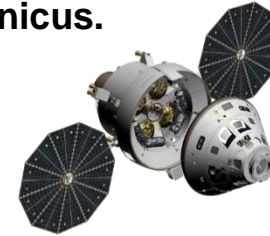
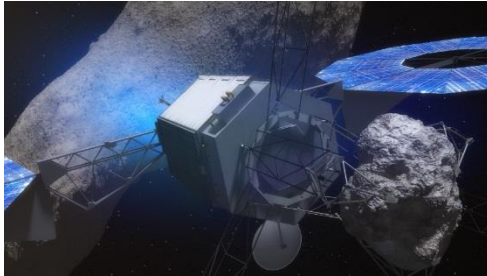
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MSFC	GSFC
ARC	JPL
APL	DARPA
USNRL	AFRL

Numerous Contractors (Lockheed, Boeing, SpaceX, Orbital, Ad Astra, ...)

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Some Key Uses For Copernicus at JSC

The extensibility of Copernicus covers multiple robotic and human mission applications. Here's an example of some of the activities at JSC that use Copernicus.



Copernicus Usage Across NASA

Orion/MPCV/EM1 & EM2/SLS [JSC]

ARM (Asteroid Redirect Mission) [JSC, LaRC, JPL]

Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS)
[ARC]

Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS)

ISS Terrestrial Return Vehicle (TRV) [IM/JSC]

Moon Age and Regolith Explorer (MARE) [JSC, SwRI]

Europa Impactor Studies

High Altitude Venus Operational Concept (HAVOC)

Venus Atmosphere and Surface Explorer (VASE)

Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) [GSFC,
CU/LASP]

Nuclear Cryogenic Propulsion Stage

Interstellar (heliopause) Probe [JPL]

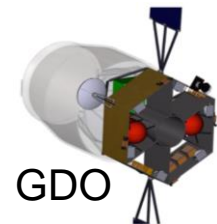
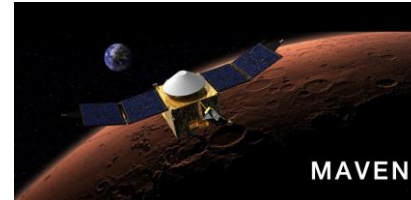
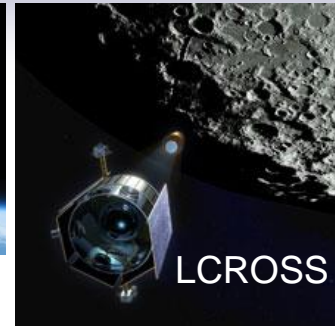
Geospace Dynamics Observatory (GDO) [MSFC]

Fission Fragment Rocket Engine (FFRE) [MSFC]

Large Ultraviolet/Optical/Infrared (LUVOIR) Surveyor [GSFC]
iSat [MSFC]

Near Earth Asteroid Scout (NEA Scout) [MSFC, JPL]

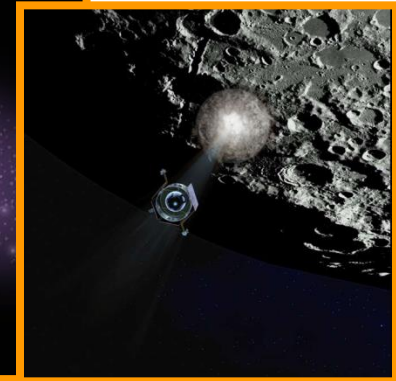
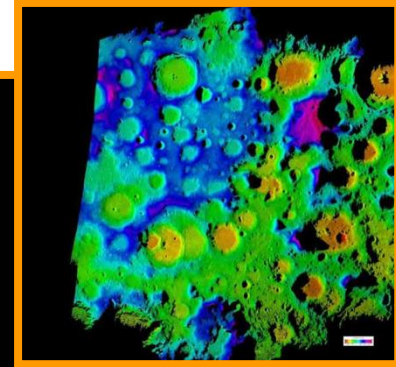
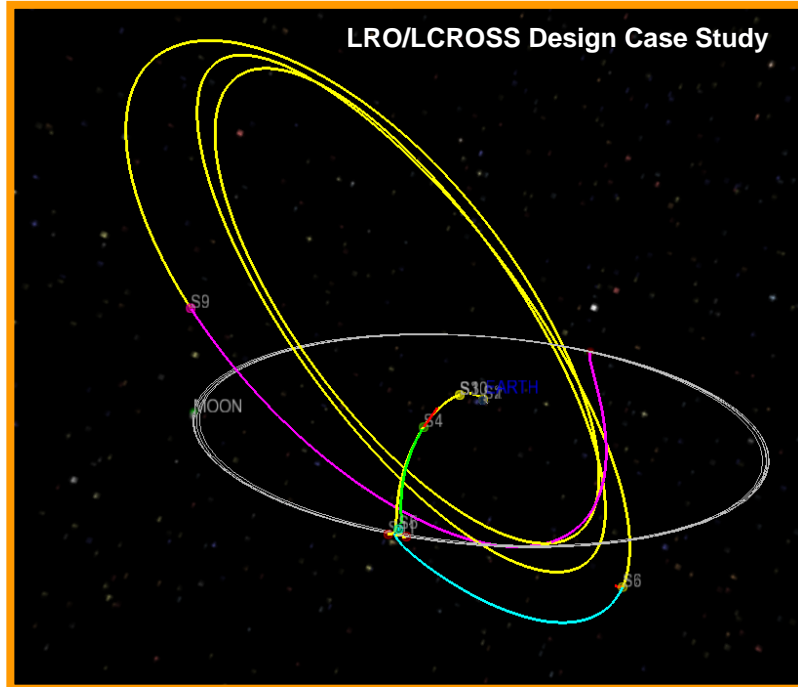
Lunar Flashlight [JPL]



Design and Operational Example

LCROSS Mission

(Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite)

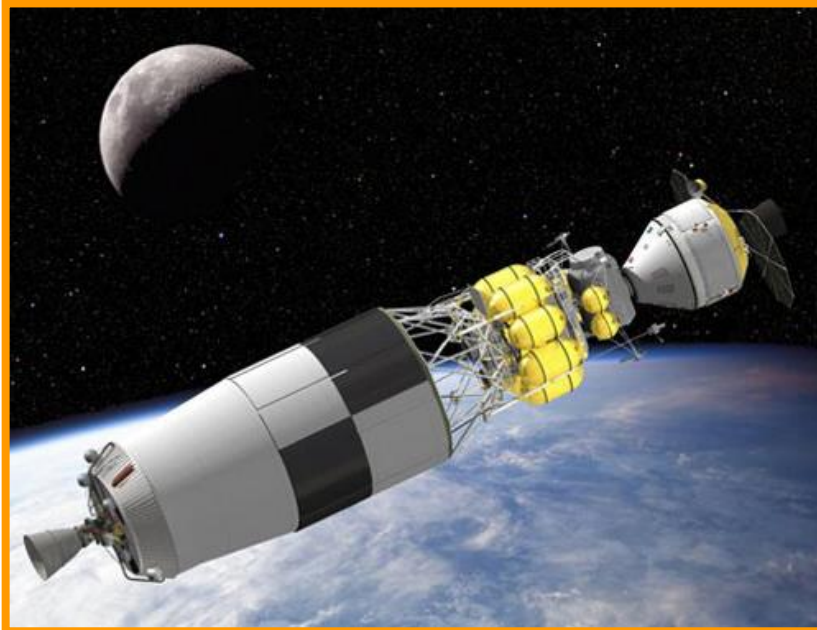


- Copernicus was used to construct hundreds of optimal Earth-Lunar flyby-to-Lunar impact trajectories including the separation phase from the original LRO trajectory which was bound for Lunar orbit.

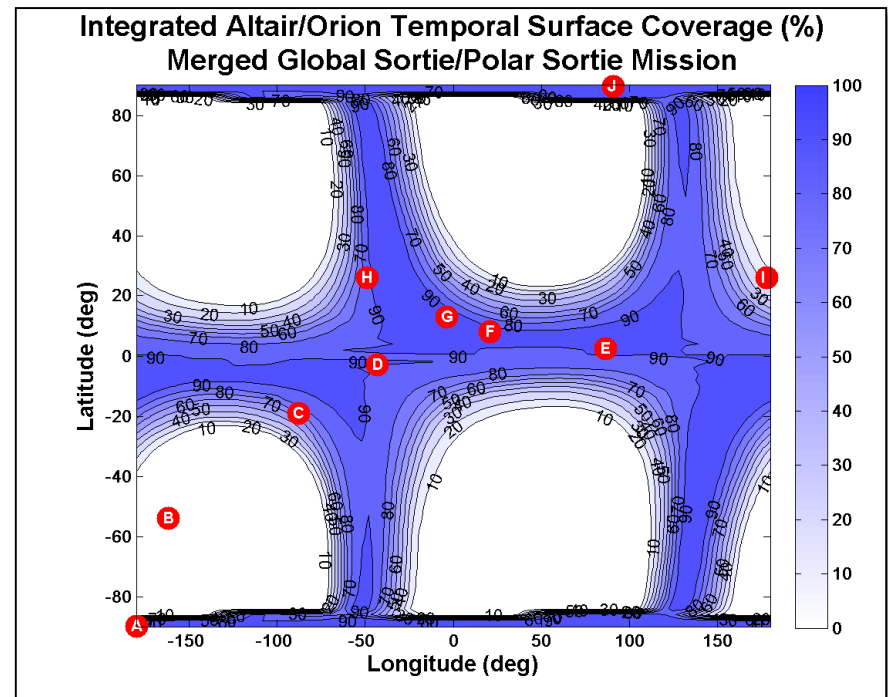
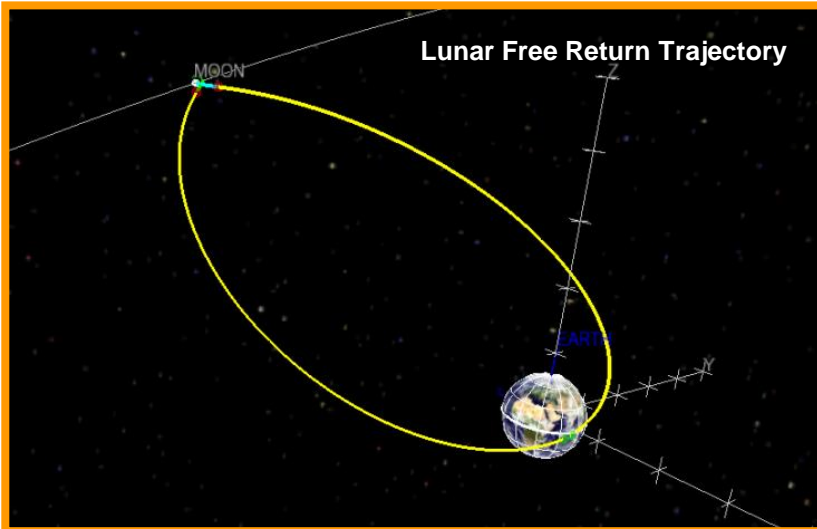
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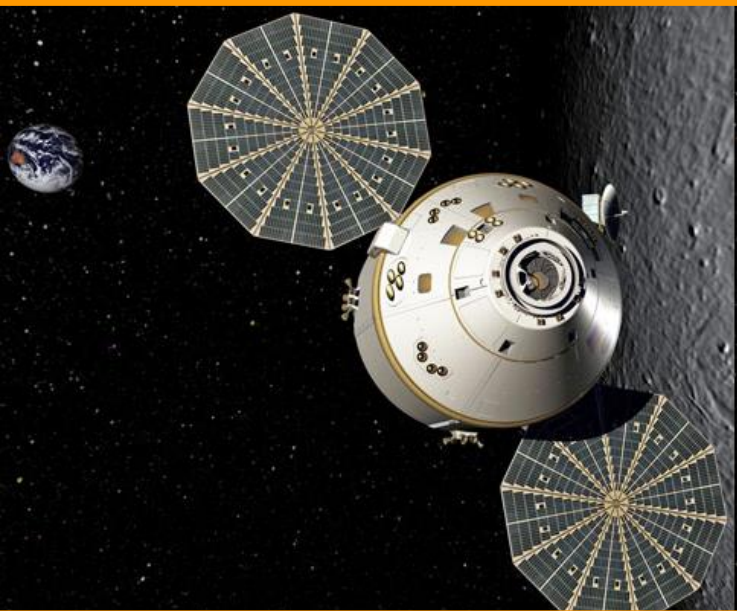
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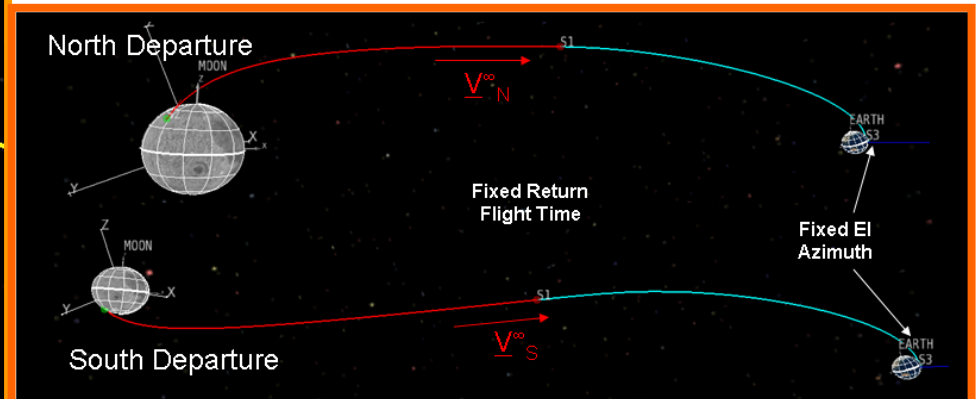
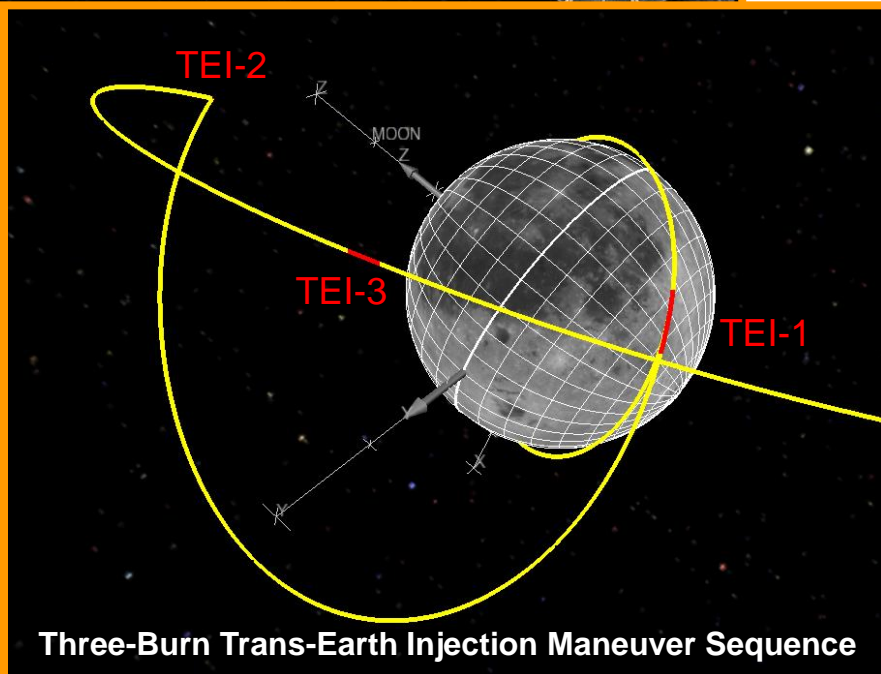
- Architecture evaluation
- Trade studies (TLI, LOI, TEI)
- Lunar Capability Concept Review (LCCR)
- Copernicus changed the way we look at mission design



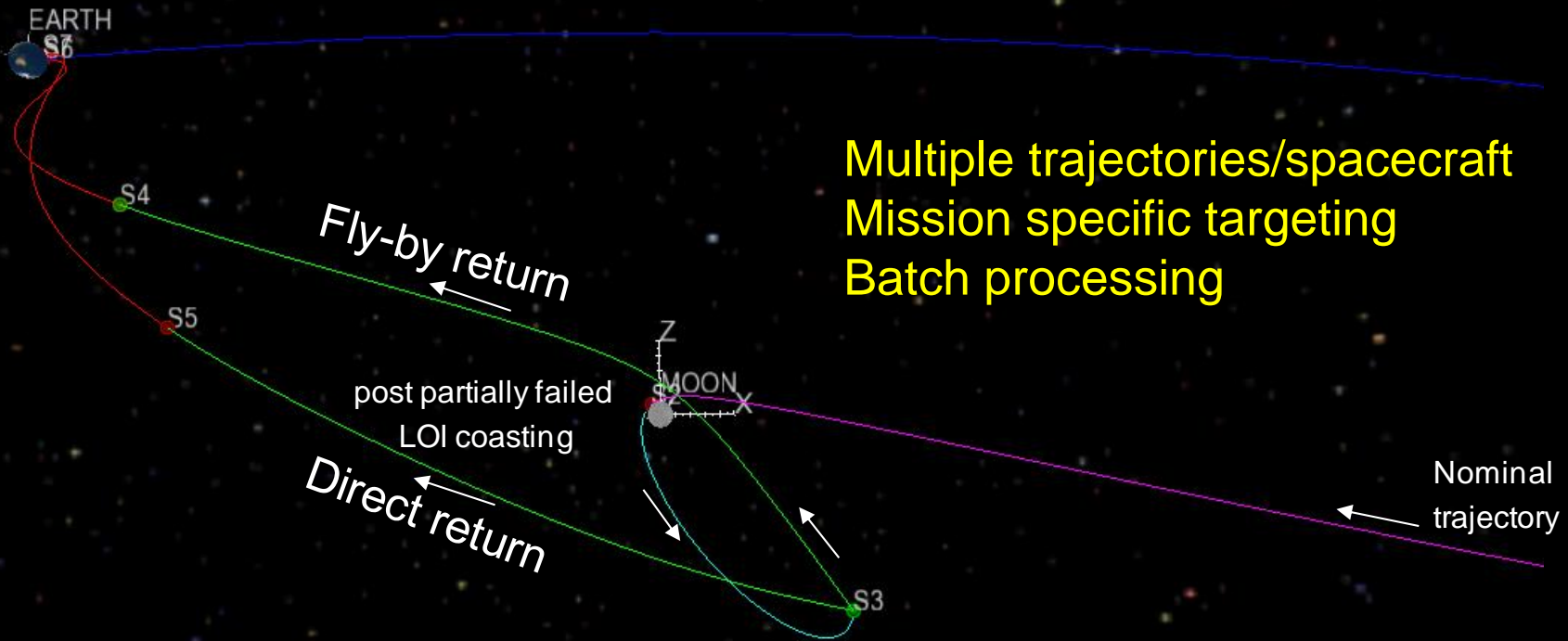
Orion Project (Lunar Missions)



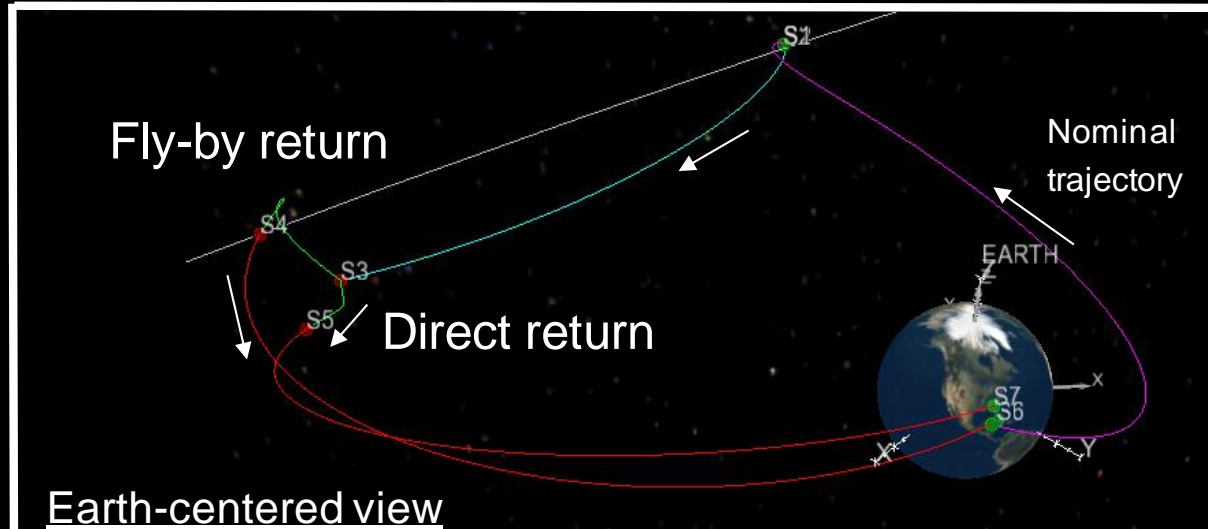
- Copernicus used extensively for Orion vehicle design and performance
- Databases developed to characterize Orion lunar missions over the entire planned operational lifetime.
- Millions of optimized trajectories using Copernicus on a computing cluster.
- Ground support



Abort Analysis

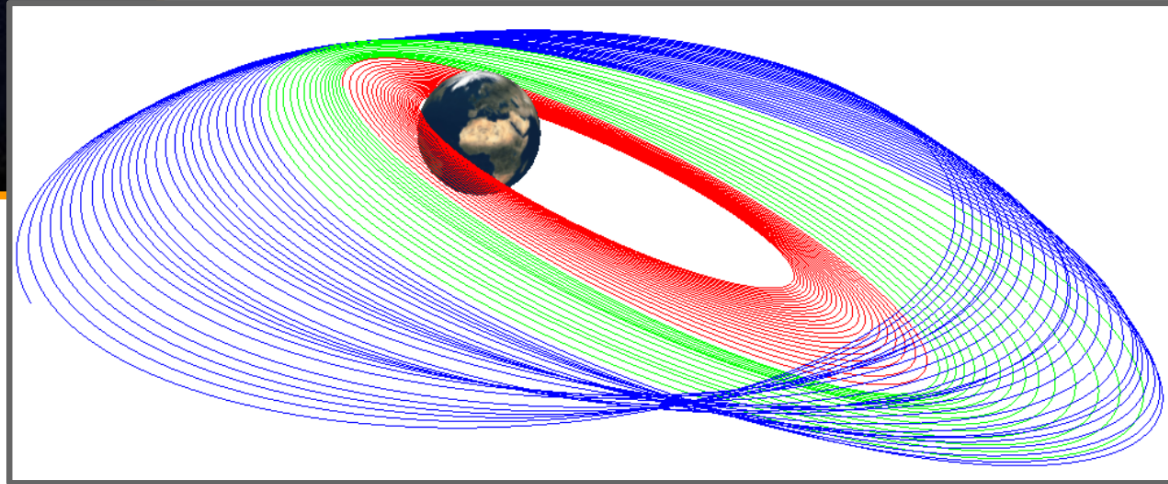
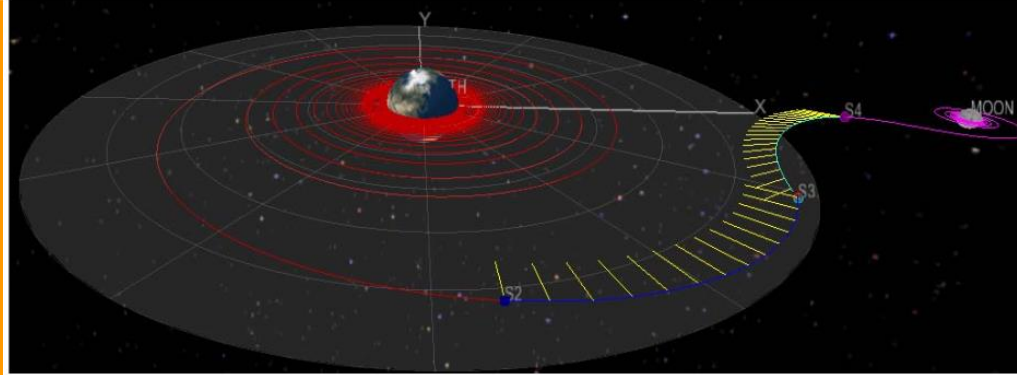


Moon-centered view



Earth-centered view

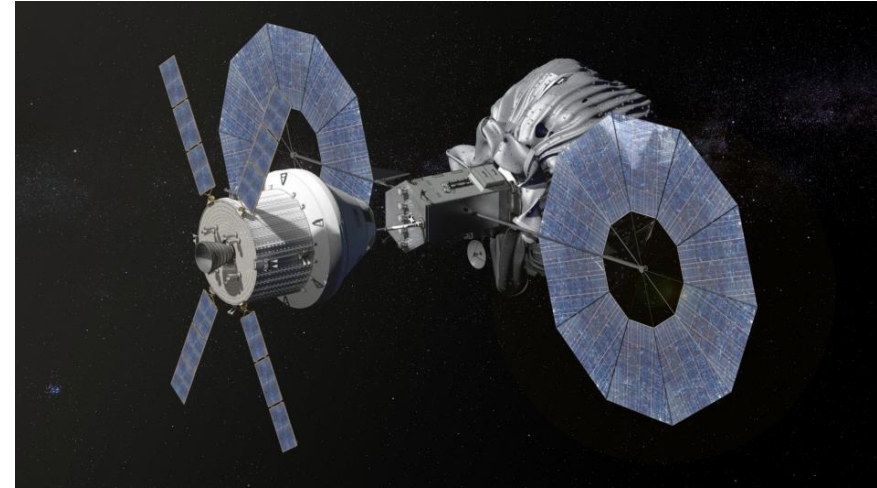
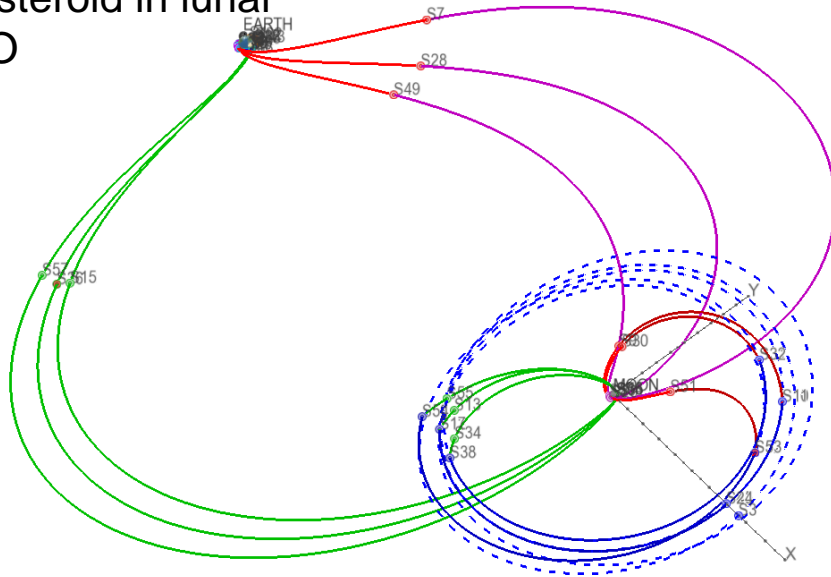
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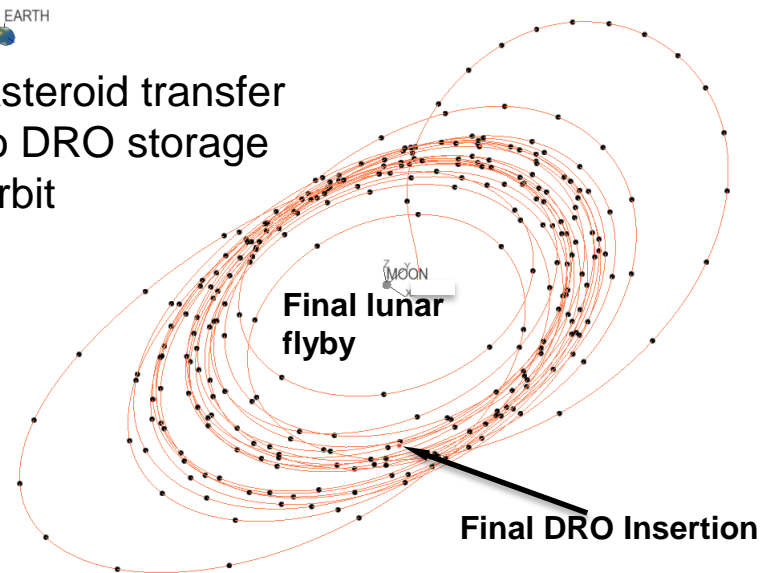
- Variable specific impulsive engine
- Earth orbit transfer, Earth to Moon, Earth to Mars.

Asteroid Redirect Mission

Crewed missions
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DRO

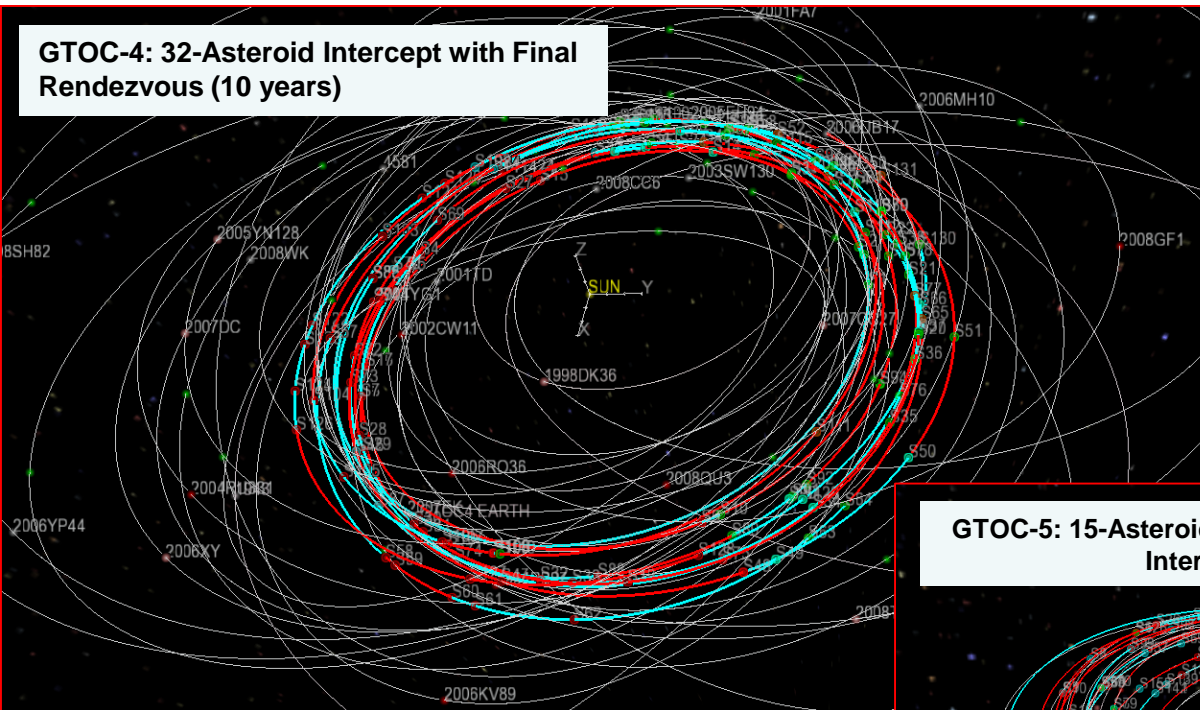


Asteroid transfer
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orbit

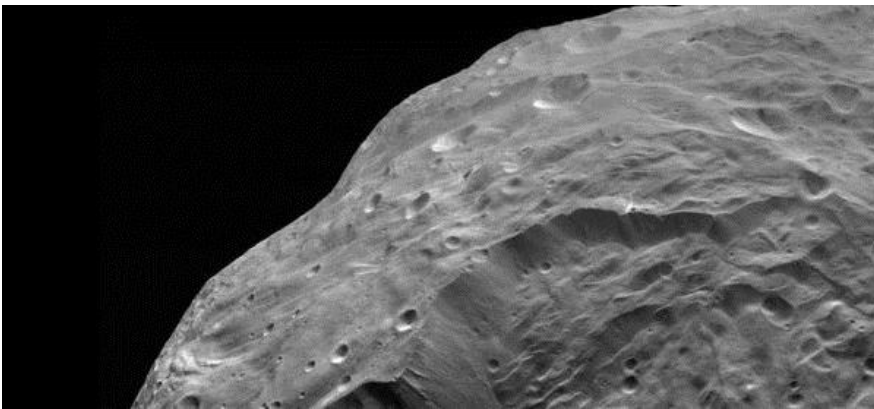
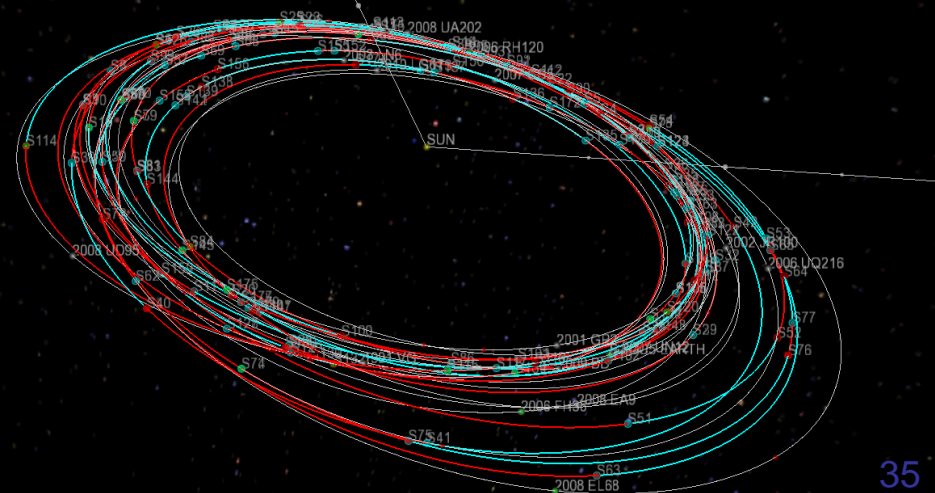


Asteroid Tour Mission Design

GTOC-4: 32-Asteroid Intercept with Final Rendezvous (10 years)

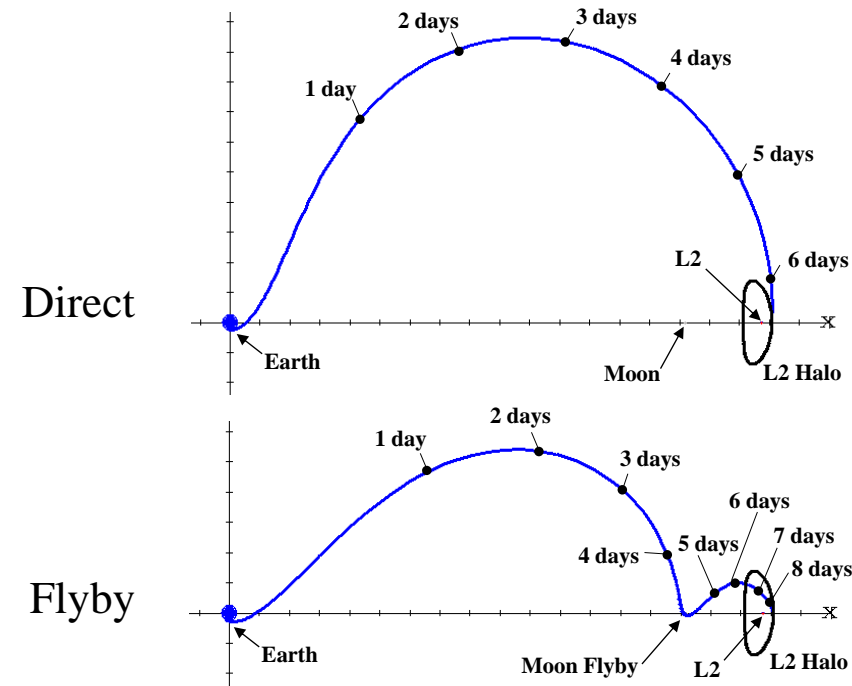


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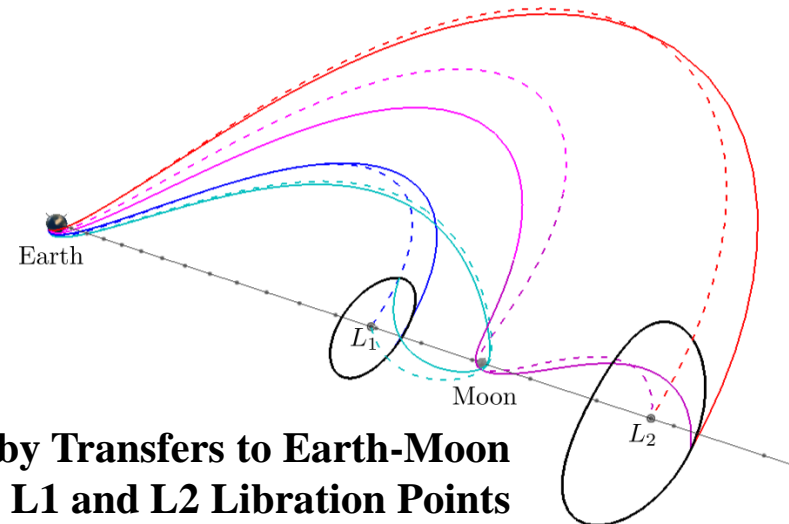
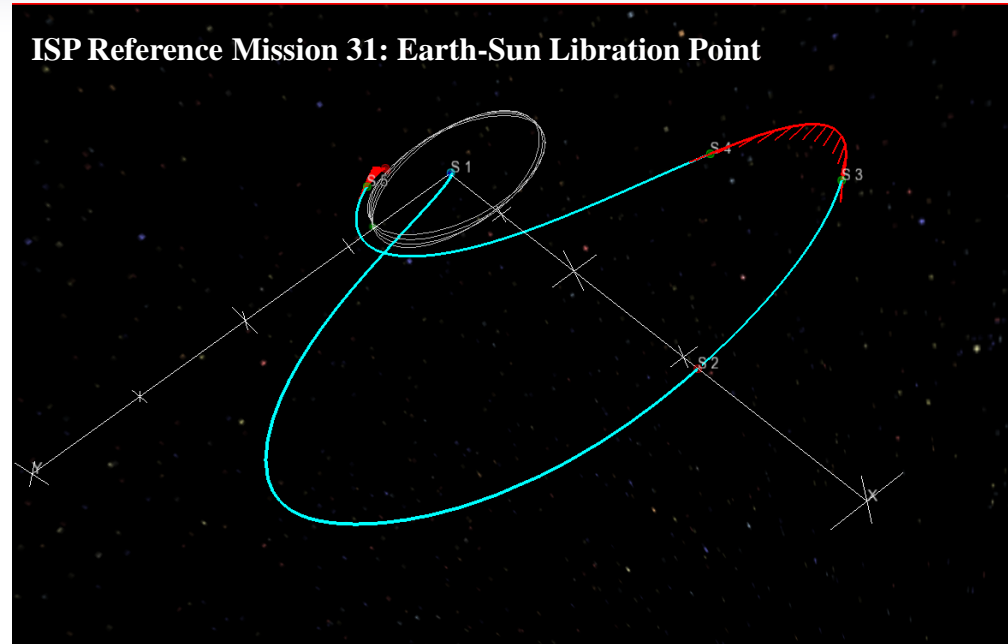


Halo Orbit & Transfers

Transfer Options to Earth-Moon L2 Halo Orbit



ISP Reference Mission 31: Earth-Sun Libration Point



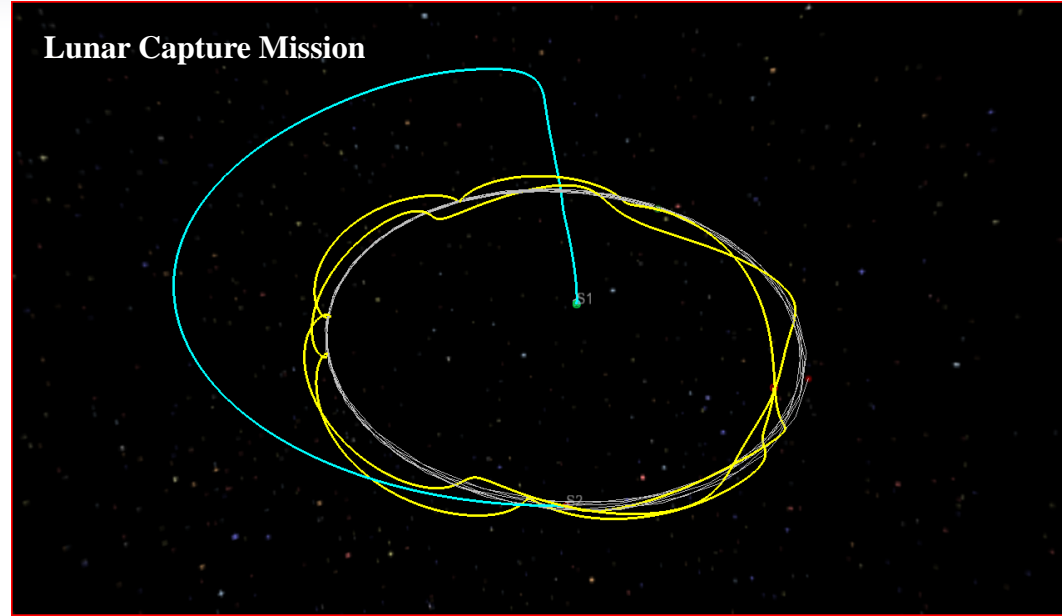
Direct and Flyby Transfers to Earth-Moon L1 and L2 Libration Points

Weak Stability Boundary/Ballistic Capture

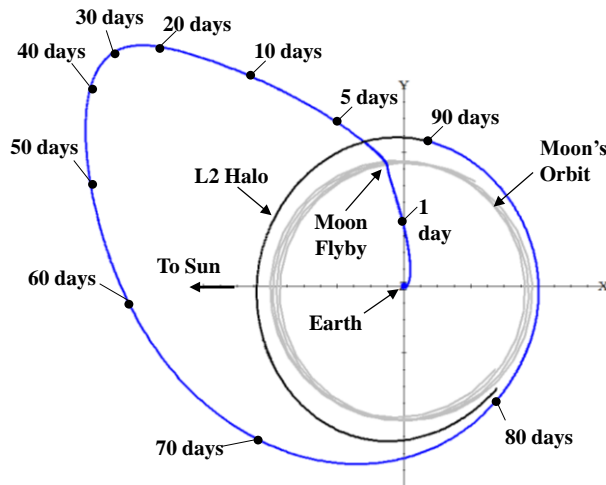


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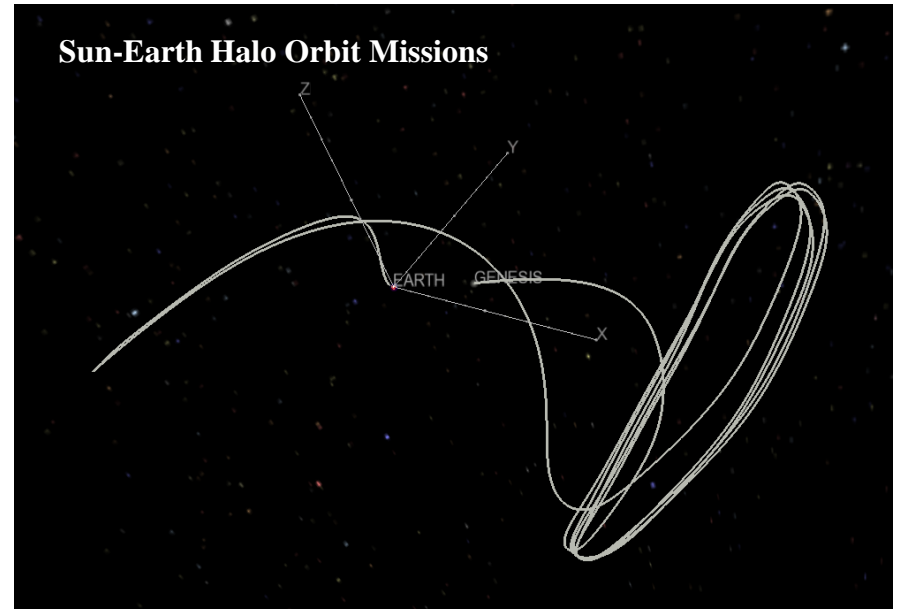
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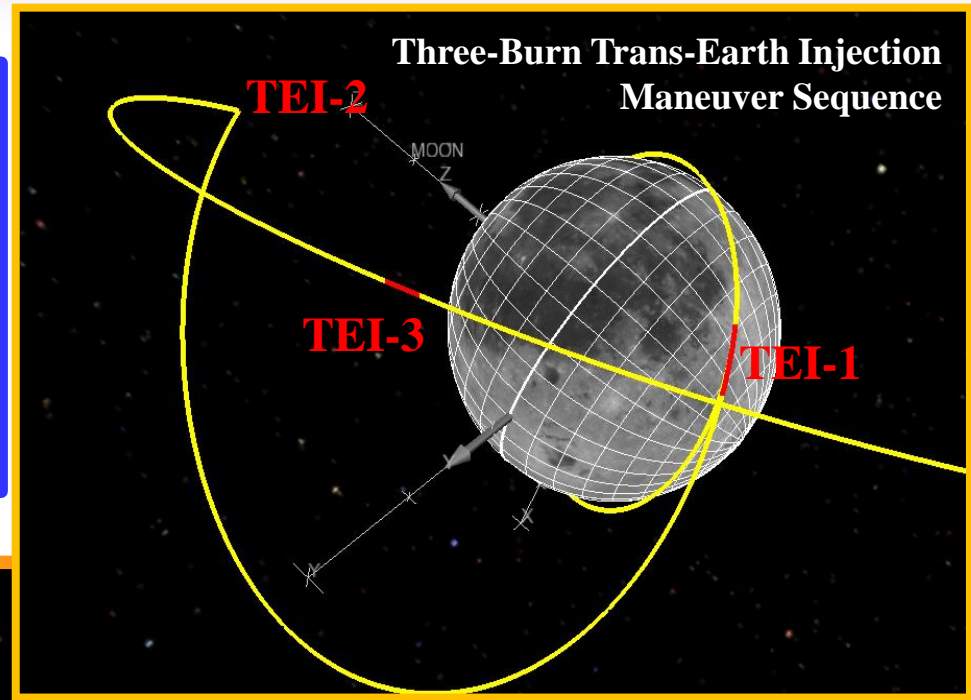
Low Energy
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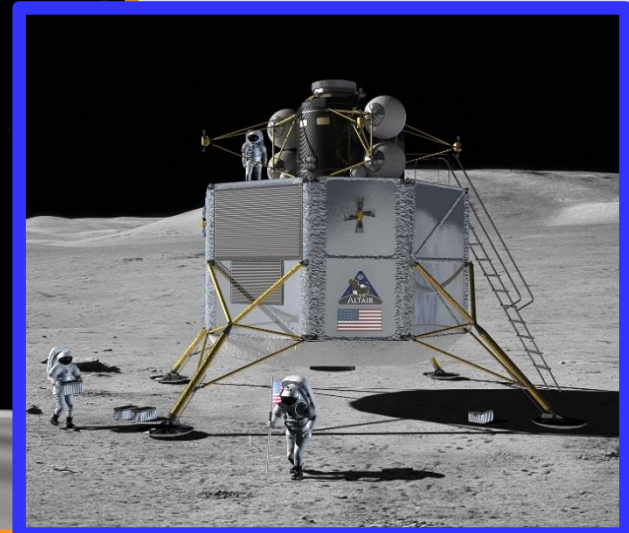
Sun-Earth Halo Orbit Missions



Lunar Missions



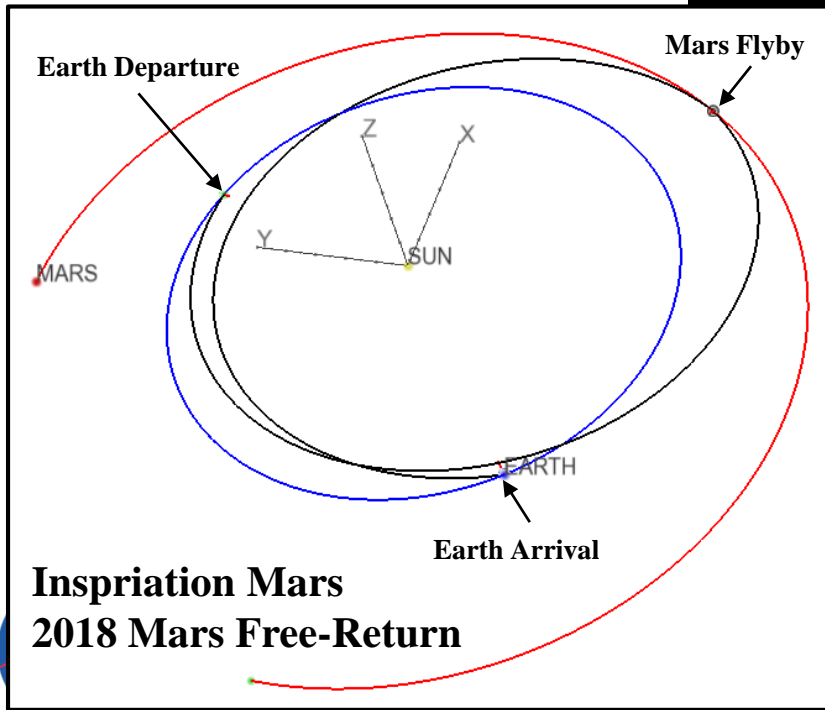
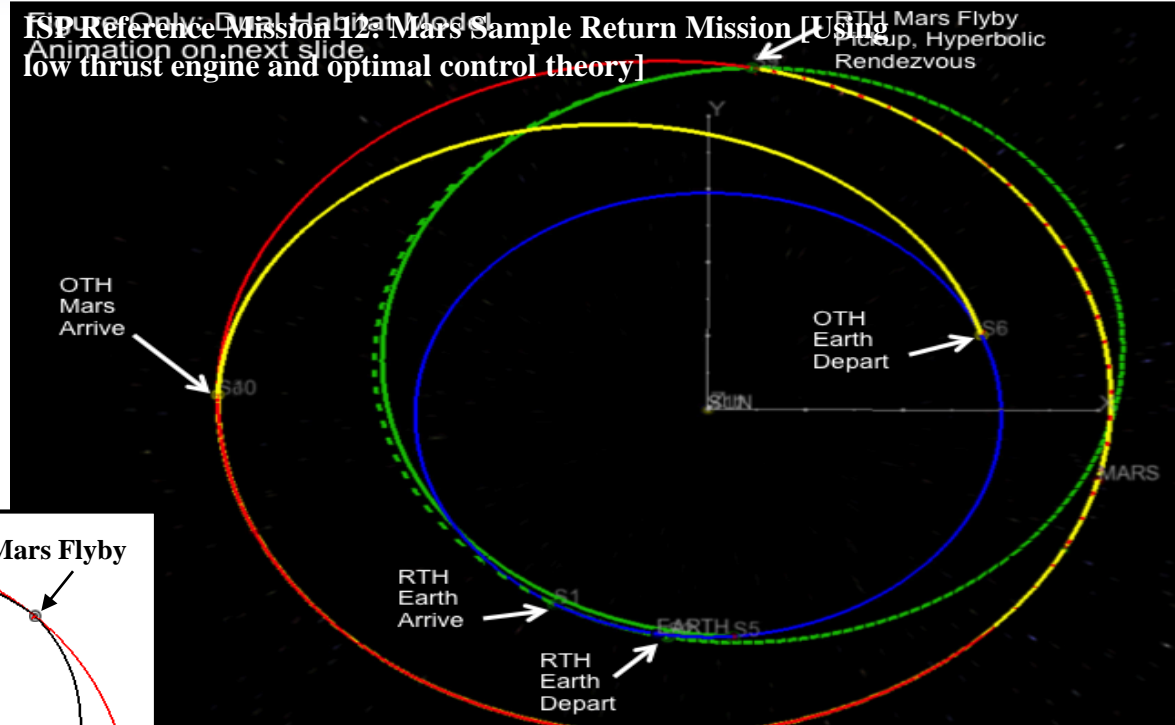
**Lunar Mission With
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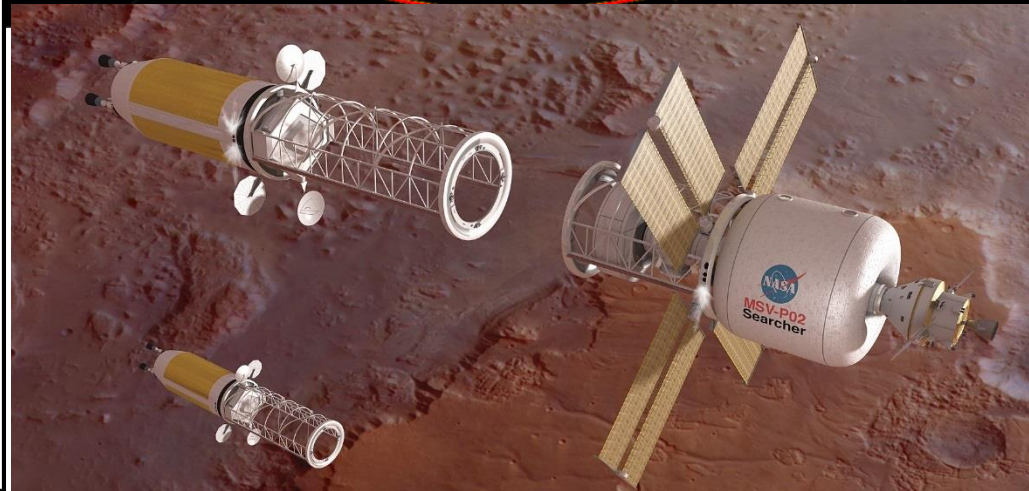
Mars Mission Studies



Figure 9: Dual-Habitat Model
 Reference Mission 12: Mars Sample Return Mission [Using low thrust engine and optimal control theory]
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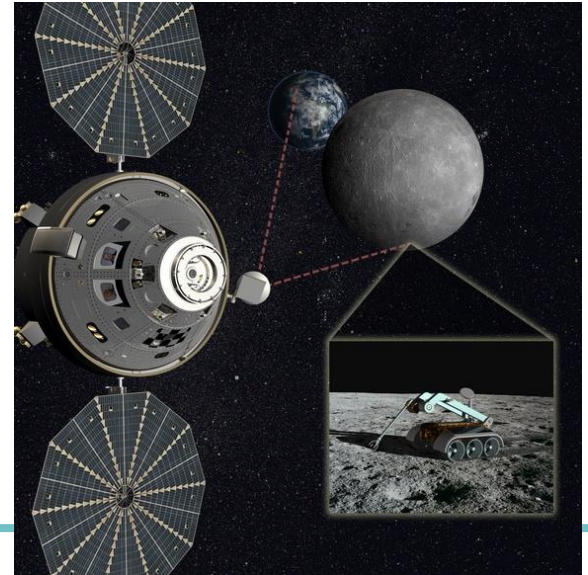
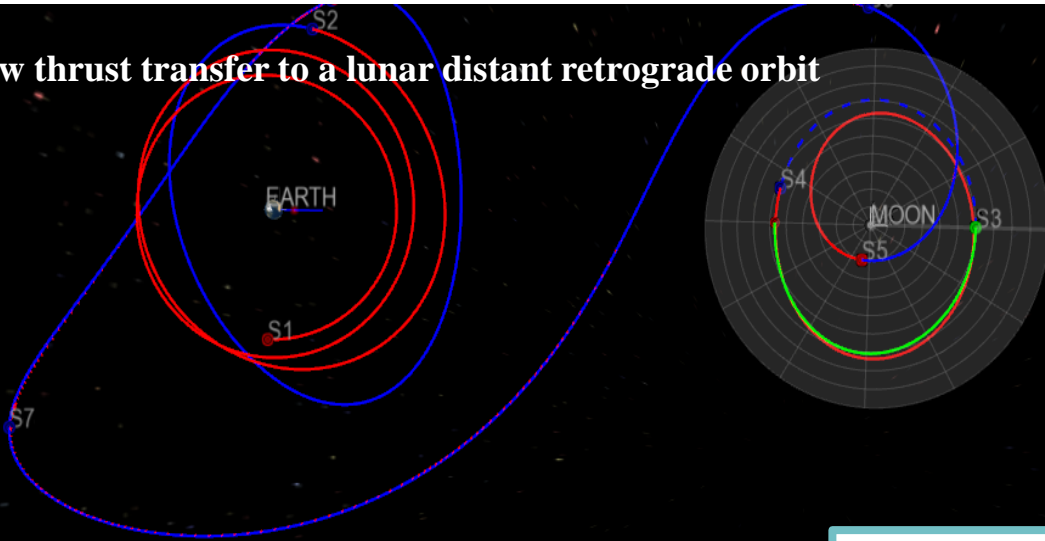


**Inspiration Mars
 2018 Mars Free-Return**

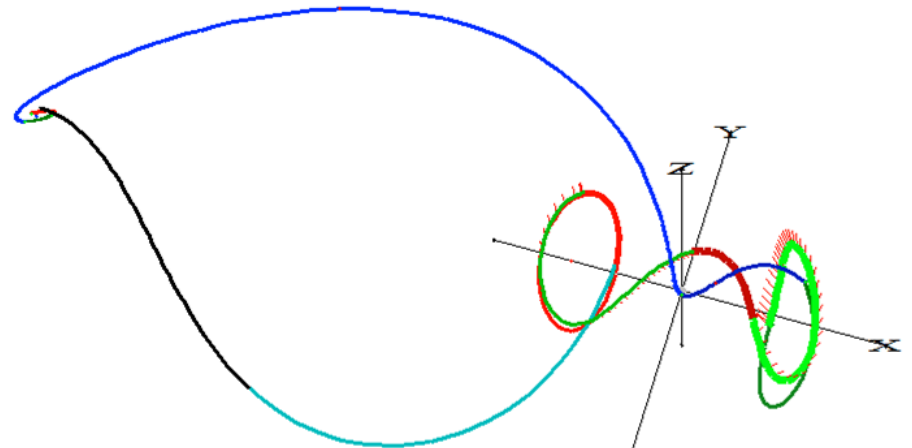
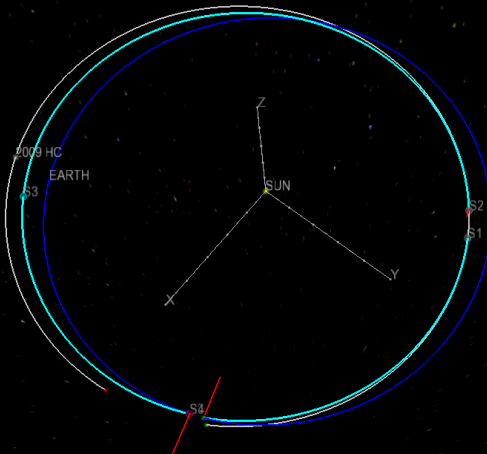


Ongoing Explorations Studies

Low thrust transfer to a lunar distant retrograde orbit

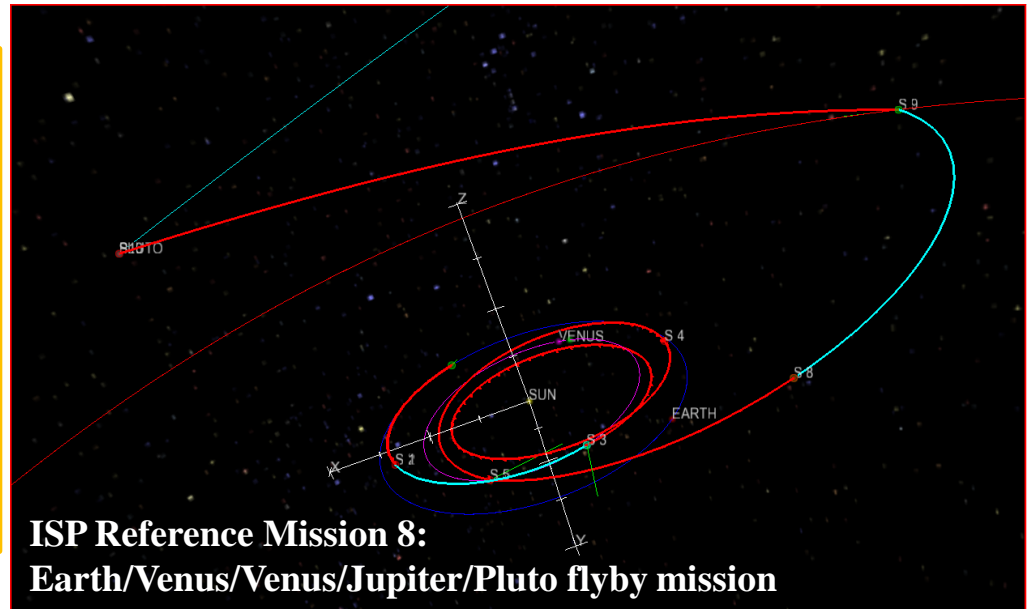
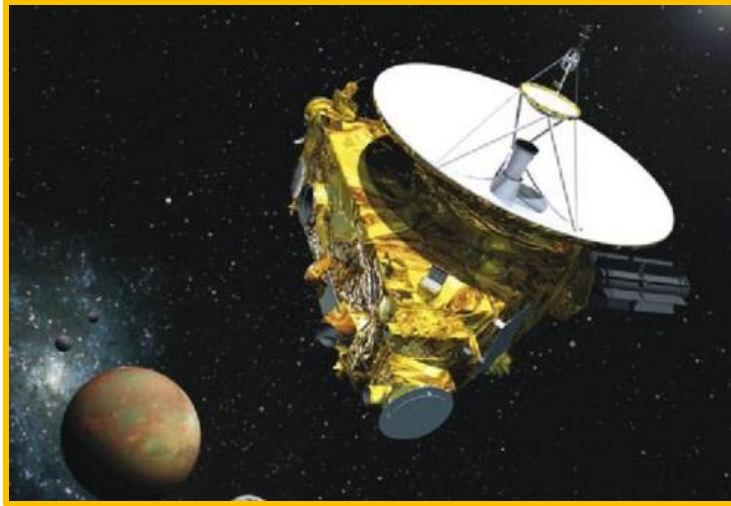


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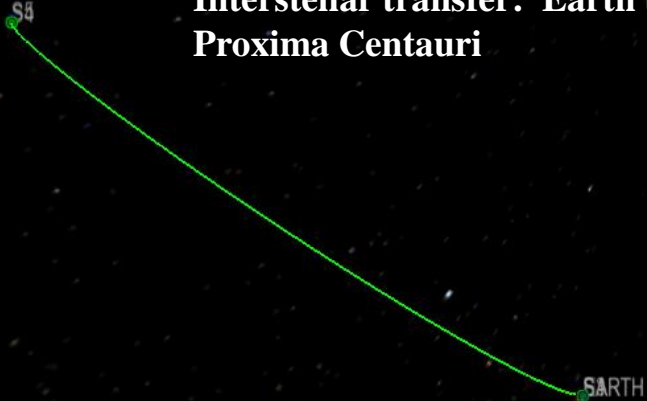


Round trip to L1 and L2 Halo Orbits

Outer Planet/Interstellar Trajectory Design



**Interstellar transfer: Earth to
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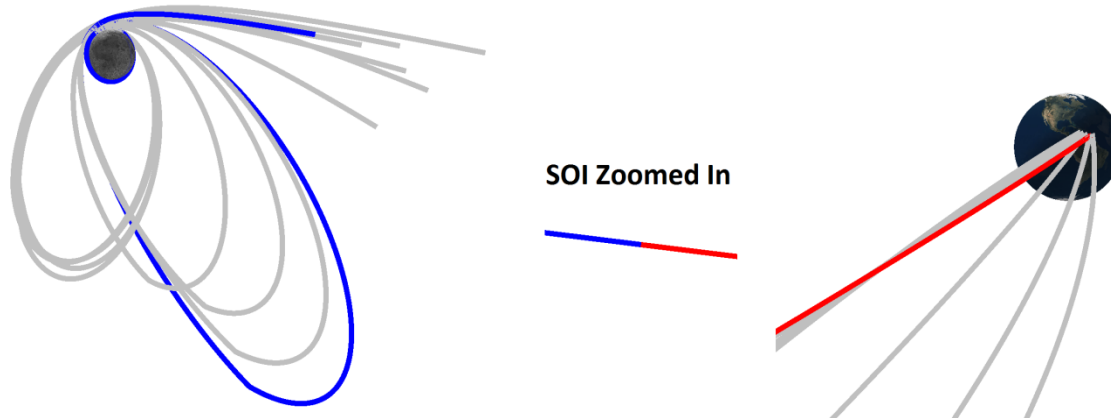


TEI Autonomous Targeting

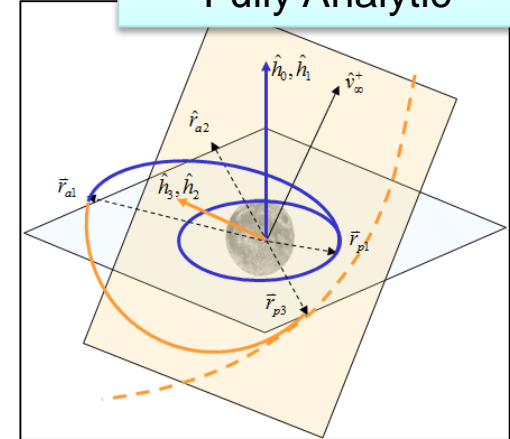
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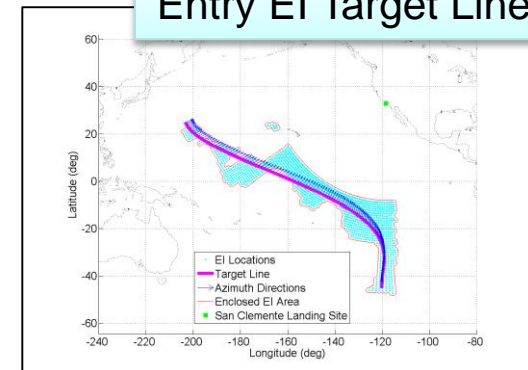
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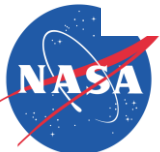
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Entry EI Target Line

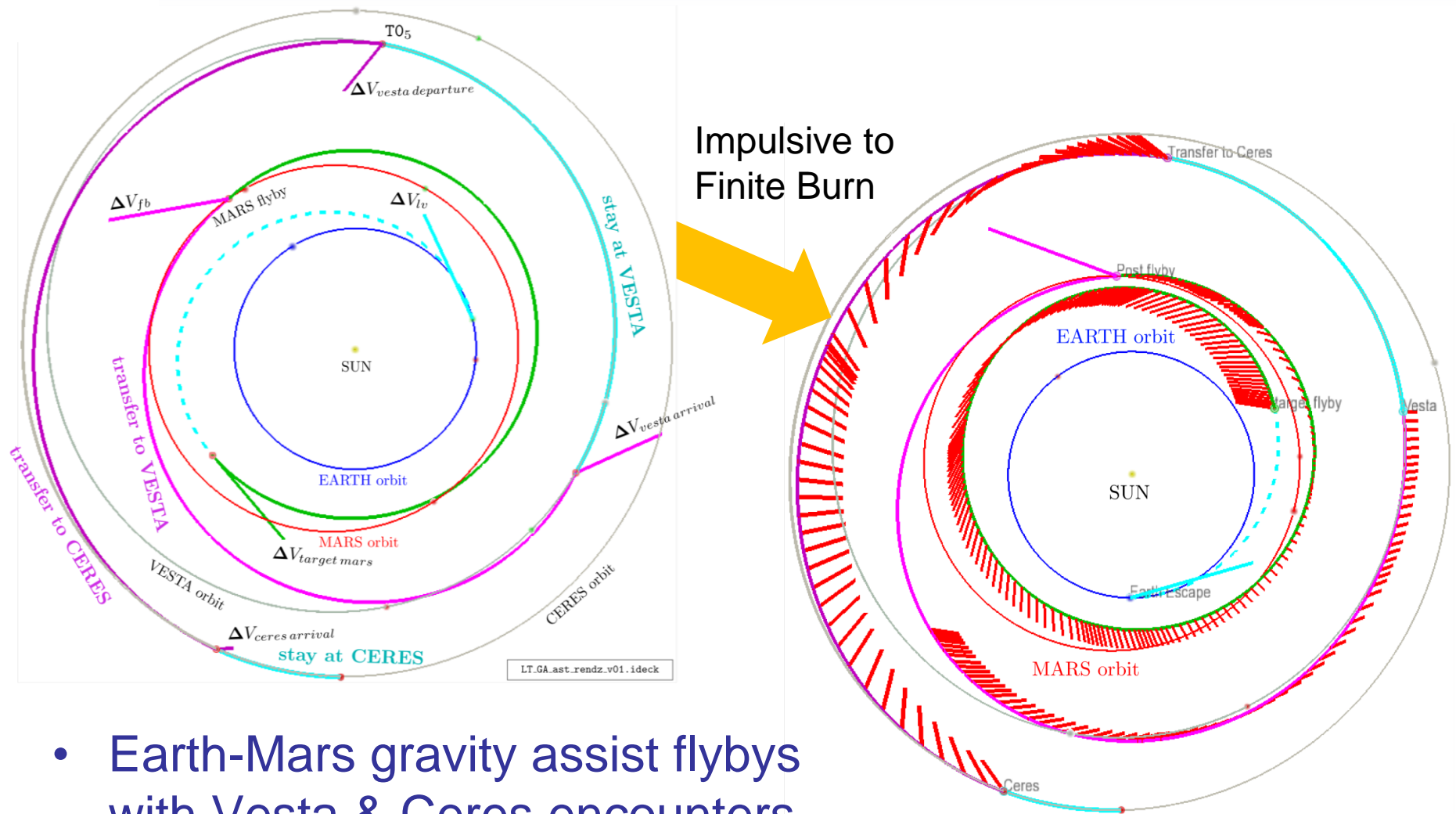


Impulsive Solution



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Advanced Mission Design: Asteroid Missions

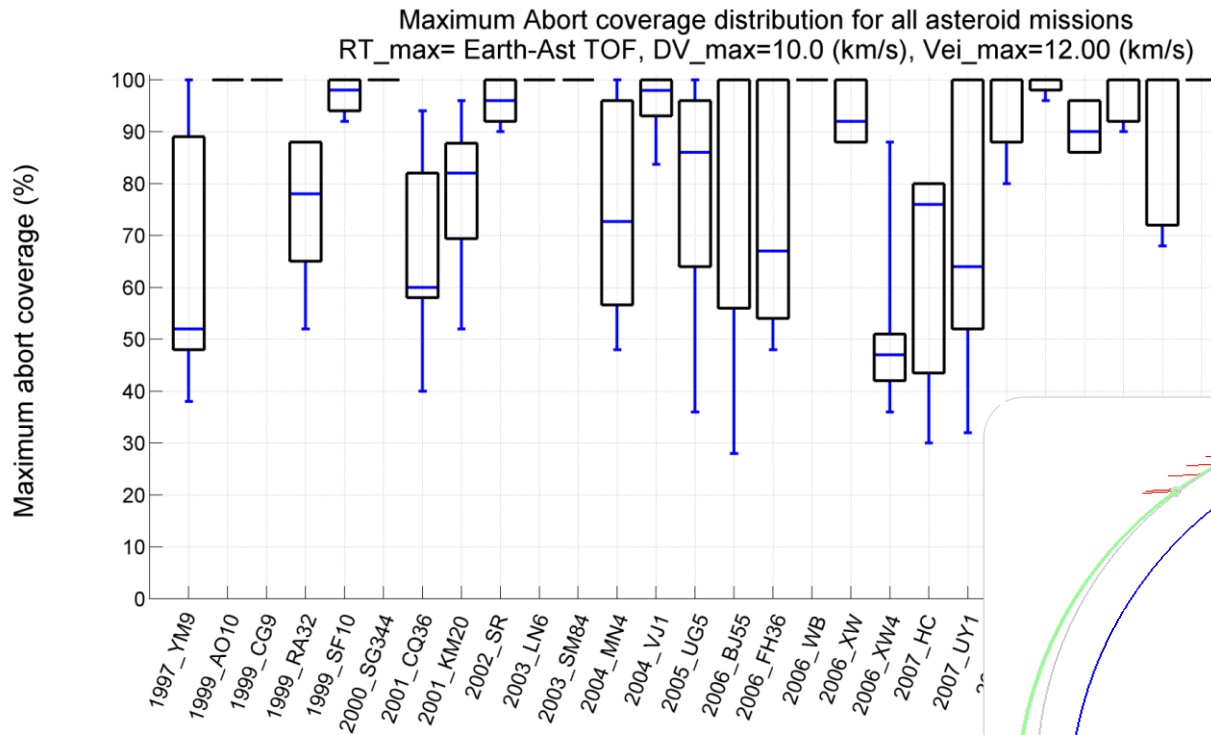


- Earth-Mars gravity assist flybys with Vesta & Ceres encounters

NEO Abort Studies



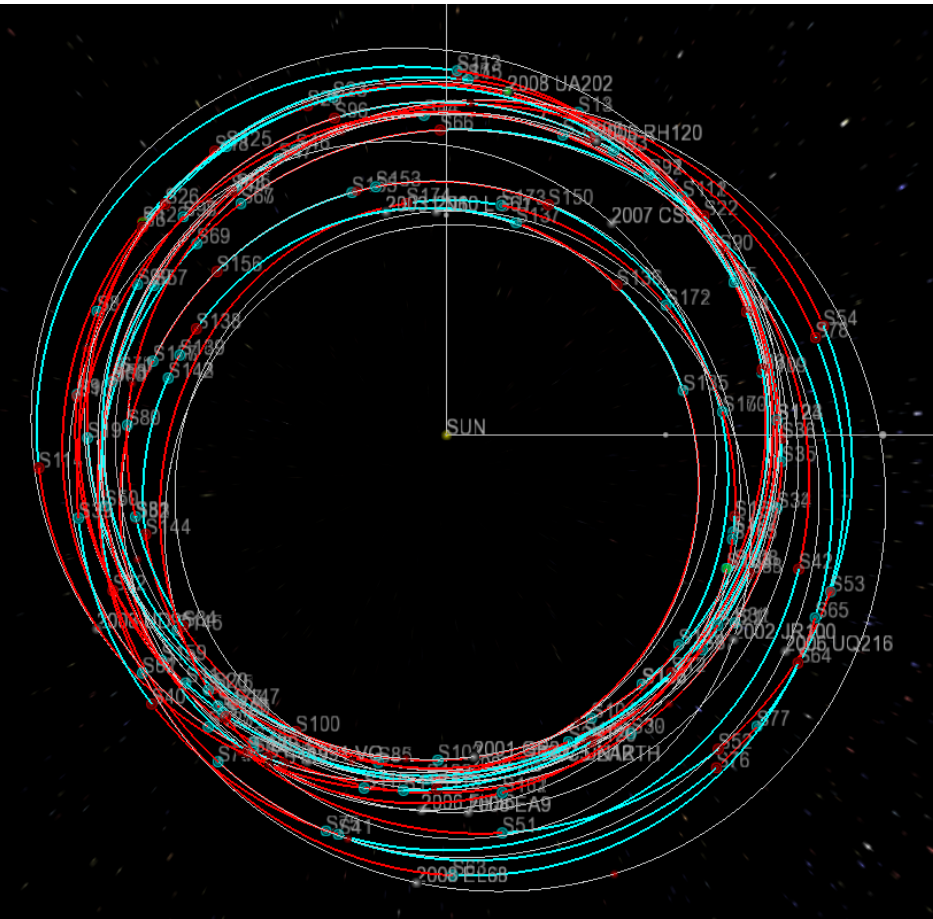
Low-thrust mission to asteroid with possible abort trajectory



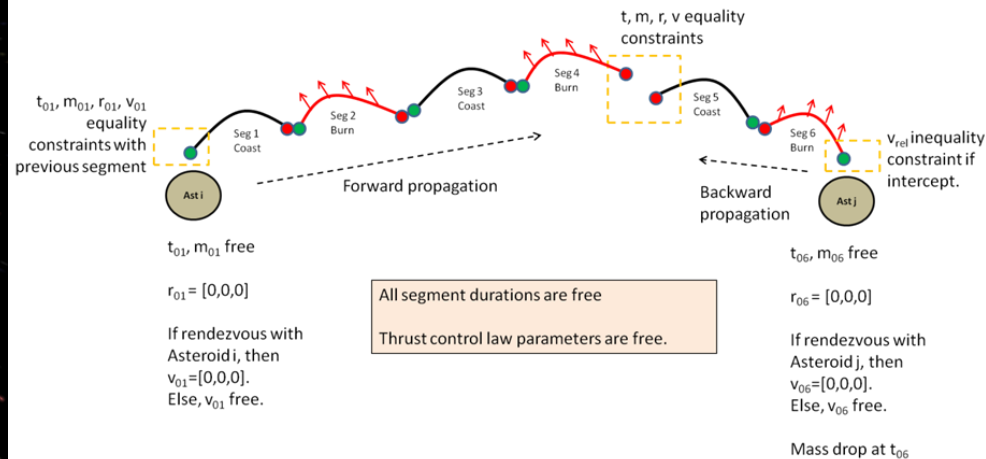
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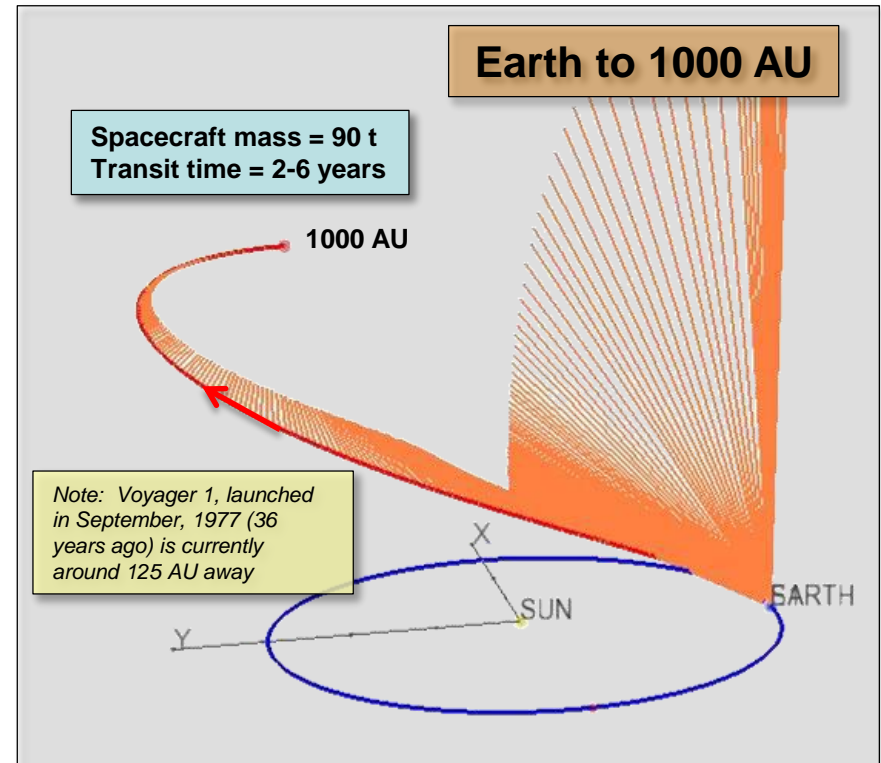
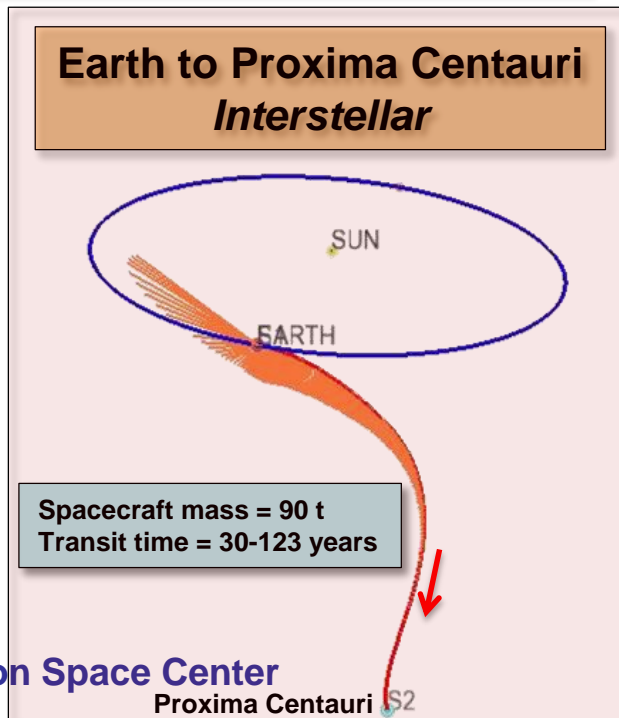
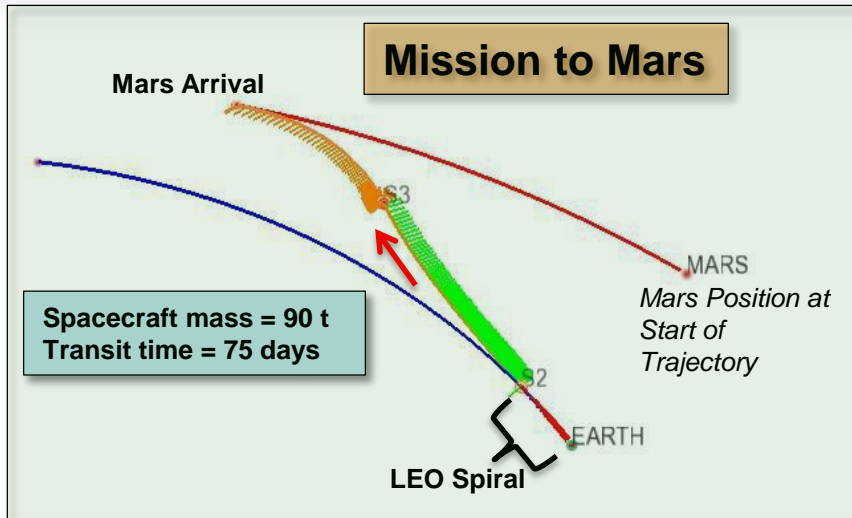
Advanced Mission Design: Asteroid Tours



- Global Trajectory Optimization Competition
- Rendezvous and intercept the maximum number of asteroids in 15 years.



Quantum Vacuum Thruster



Copernicus in Academia

- University technical instruction and research
- Makes spacecraft trajectory design accessible to a much wider audience
- Inspires the interest and creativity of the next generation of engineers and scientists



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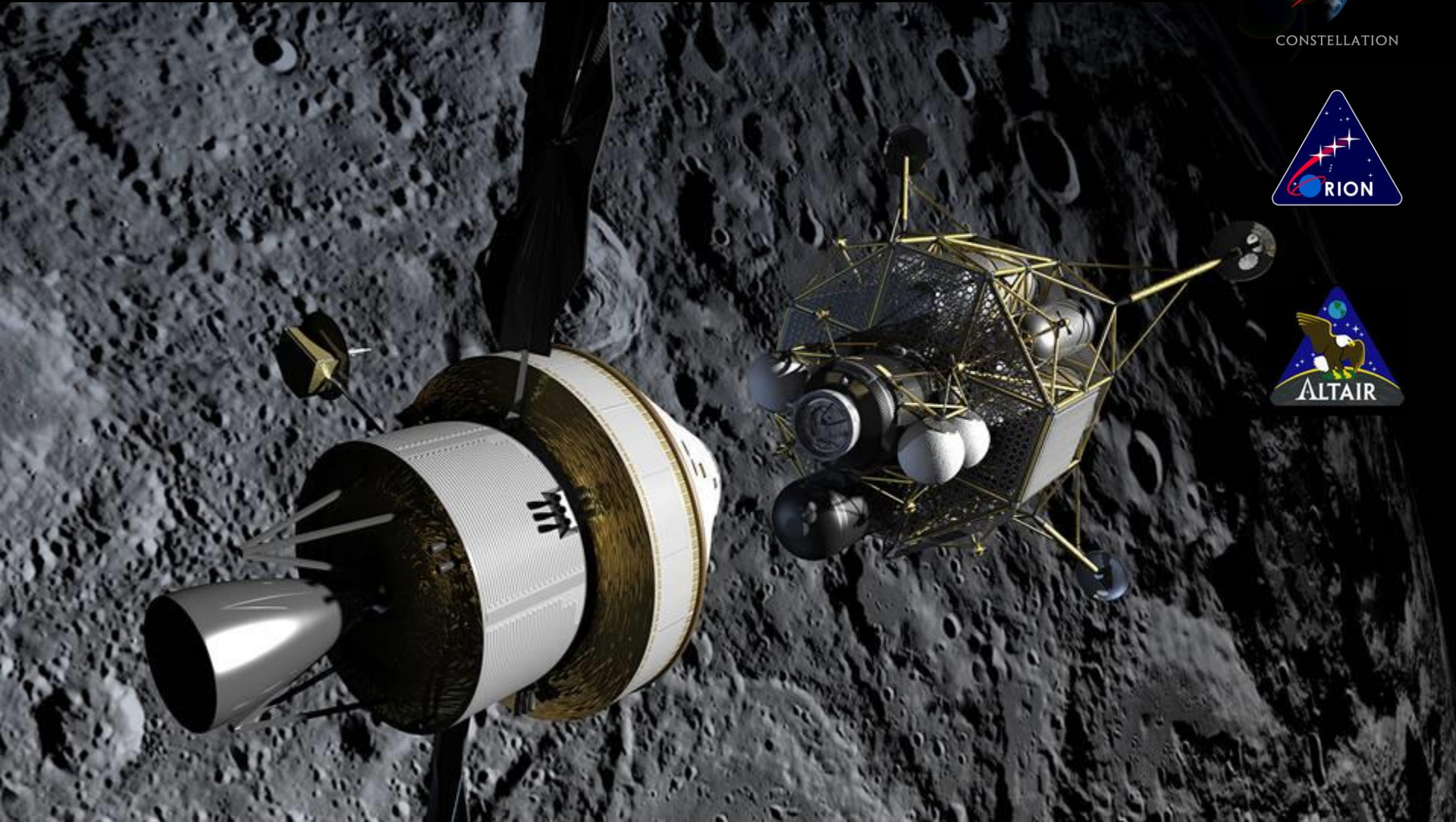
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Mission Design and Performance Assessment for the Constellation Lunar Architecture

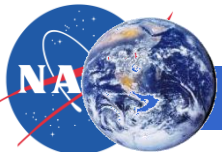
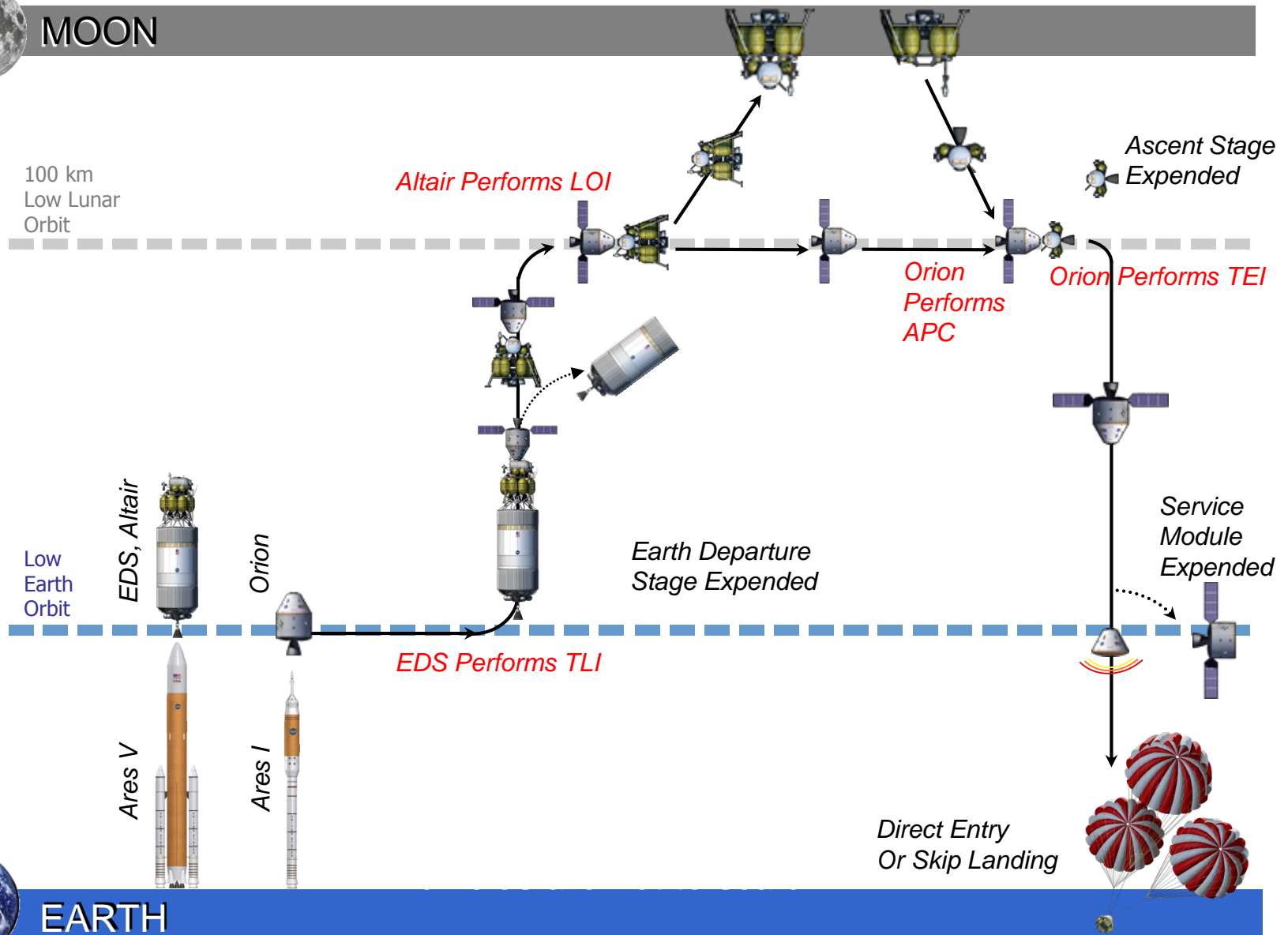


Mission Overview



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100 km
Low Lunar
Orbit



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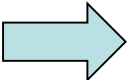
Mission Types

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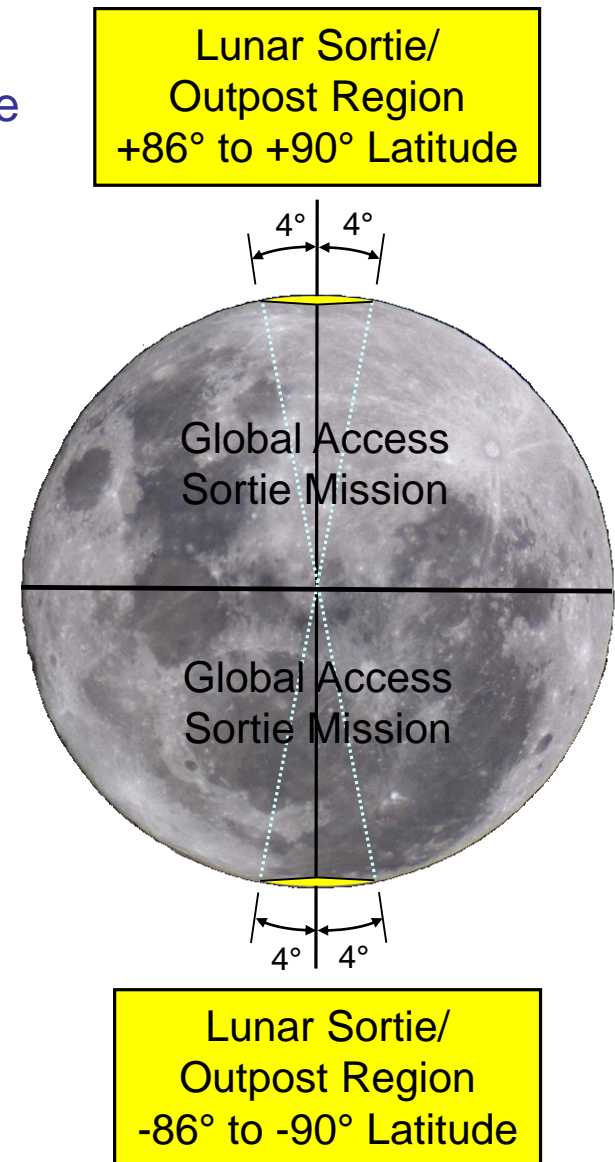
- Latitude mostly within 4° of either lunar pole
- Surface stay ≤ 7 days
- Orion low lunar orbit
 - Inclination = 90° ;
 - LAN = free \Rightarrow Minimum LOI ΔV
- 1-burn LOI

- Global Sortie

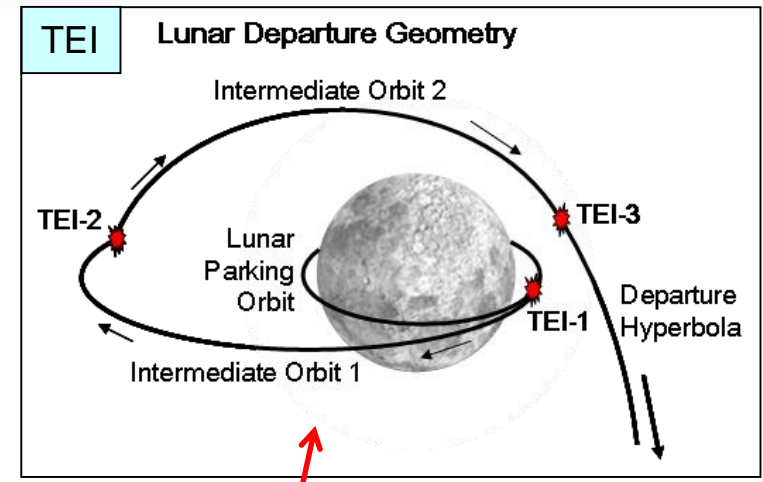
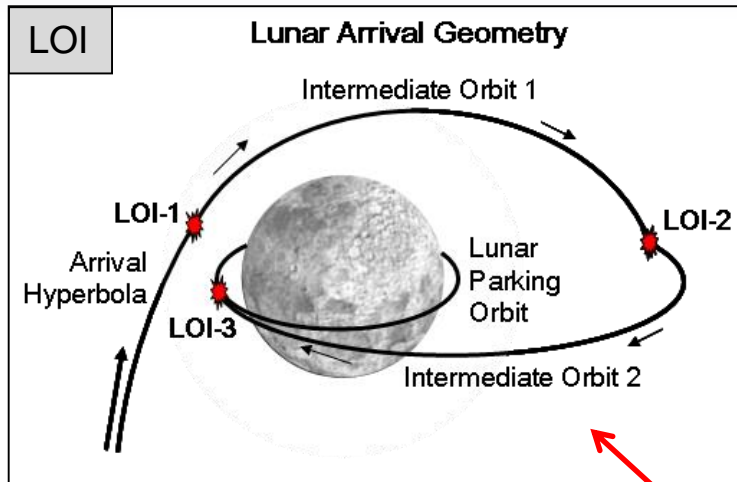
- Landing site (LS) region
 - Latitude = -86° to 86° ; Any longitude
- Surface stay ≤ 7 days

LS latitude, longitude  Low lunar orbit Inclination, LAN

- 3-burn LOI (in general)

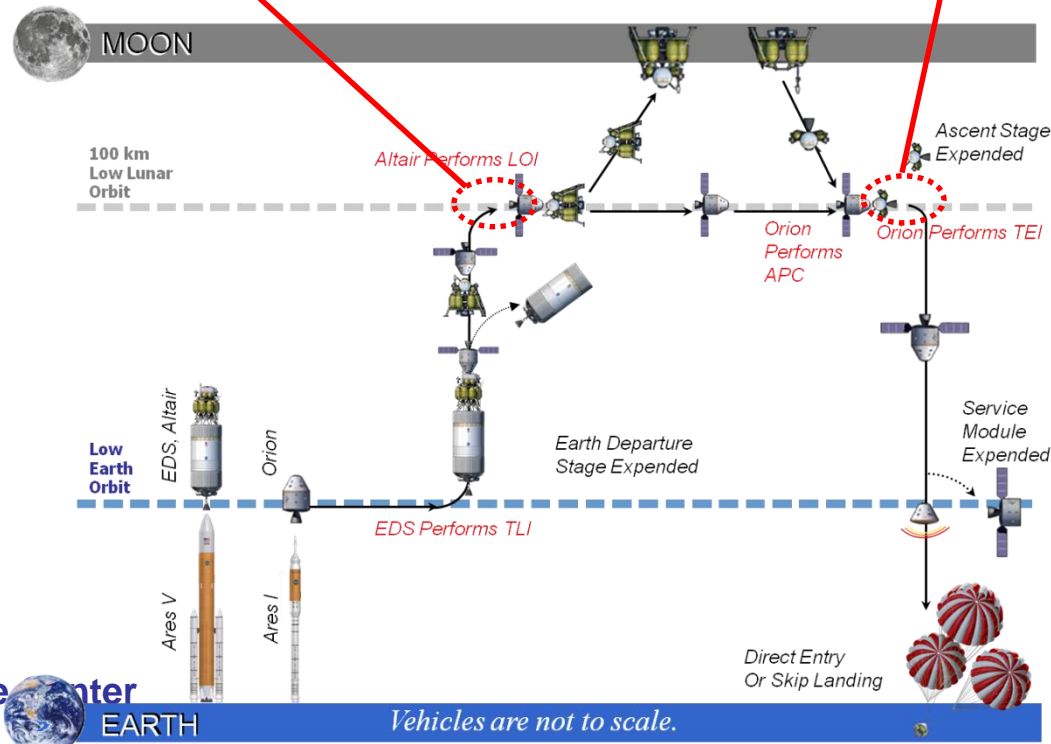


Global Sortie Mission Design: Lunar Orbit Insertion (LOI) and Trans-Earth Injection (TEI)



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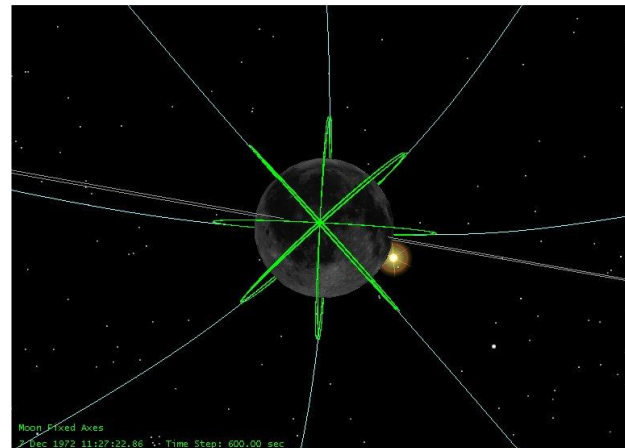
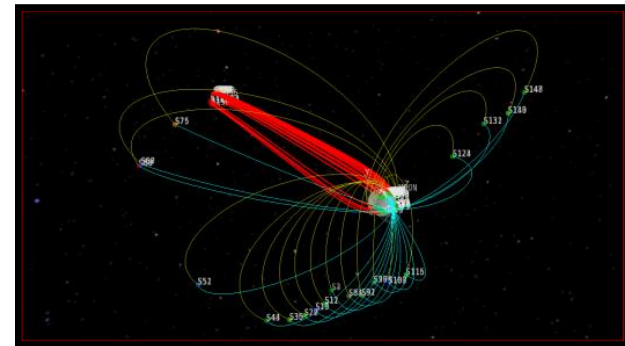
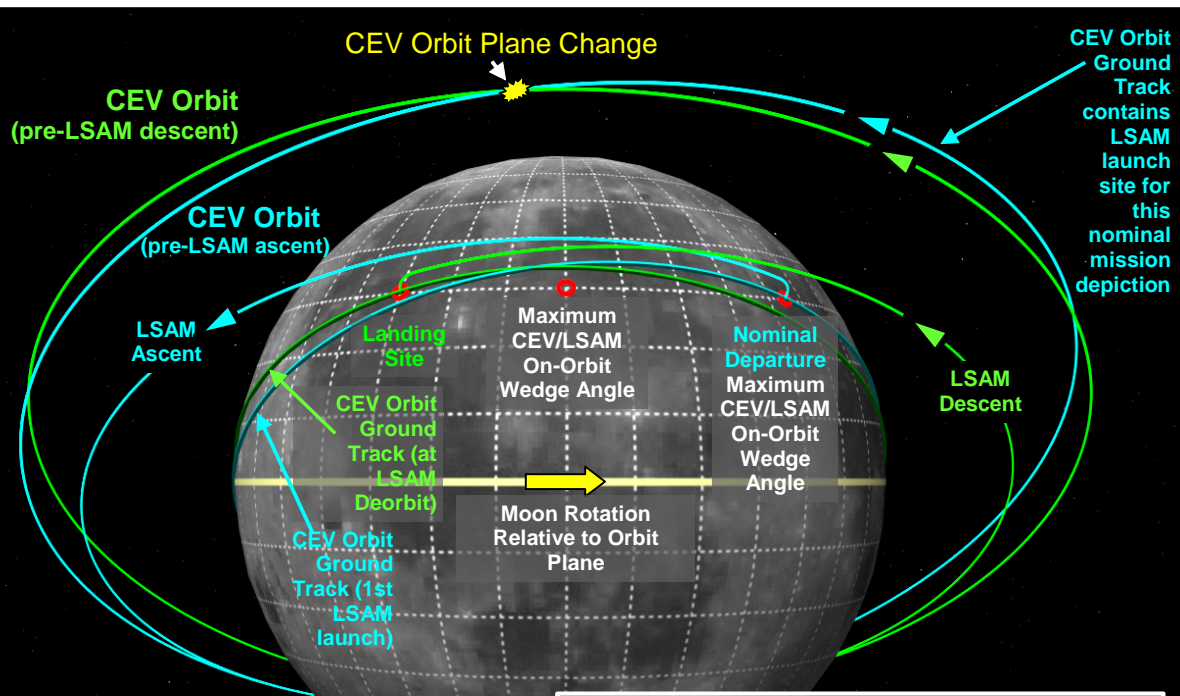
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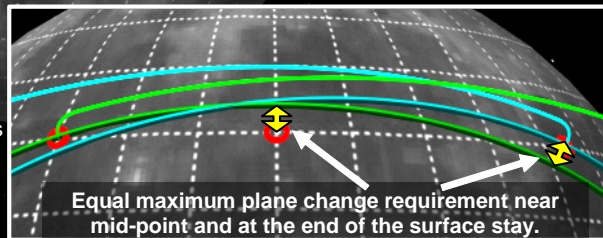
Lunar Mission Design: Abort Considerations

- Anytime departure from the lunar surface
- Anytime return to the Earth using a three-burn TEI sequence.



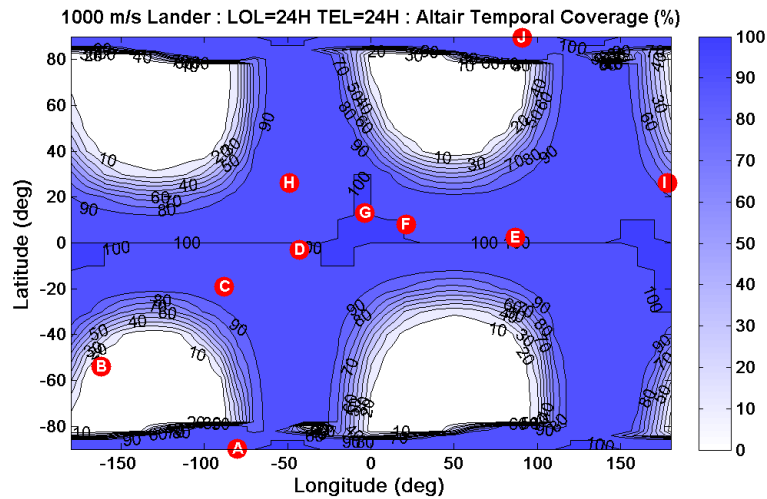
Strategy for Anytime Departure

- The LOI orbit inclination and longitude of the ascending node are selected so that the plane change required to align the CEV for LSAM ascent/rendezvous never exceeds a specified value, found near the mid-point and the end of the surface stay.
- Prior to LSAM launch, the post-LOI CEV orbit plane is changed to provide (near) in-plane LSAM ascent.

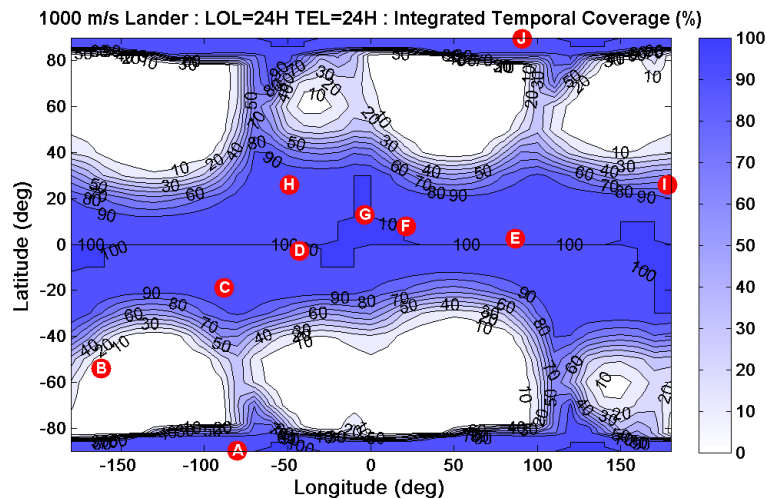
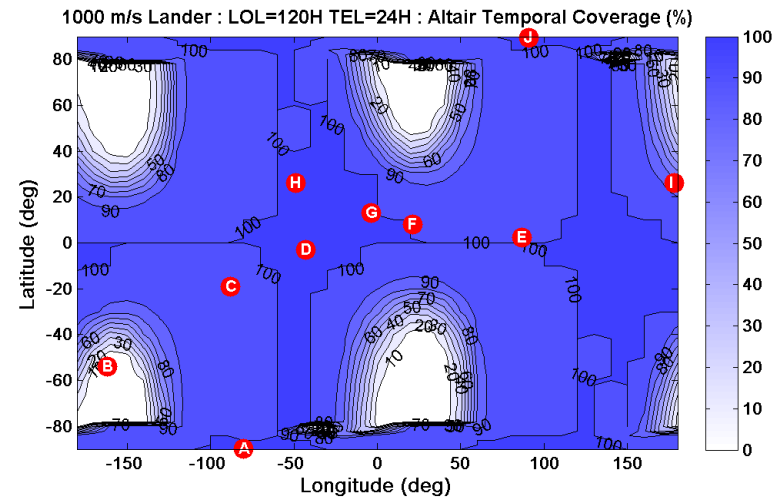


Temporal Coverage: Blended Polar/Global Sortie Mission Design (No Extended TEI Loiter, Altair LOI $\Delta V = 1000$ m/s)

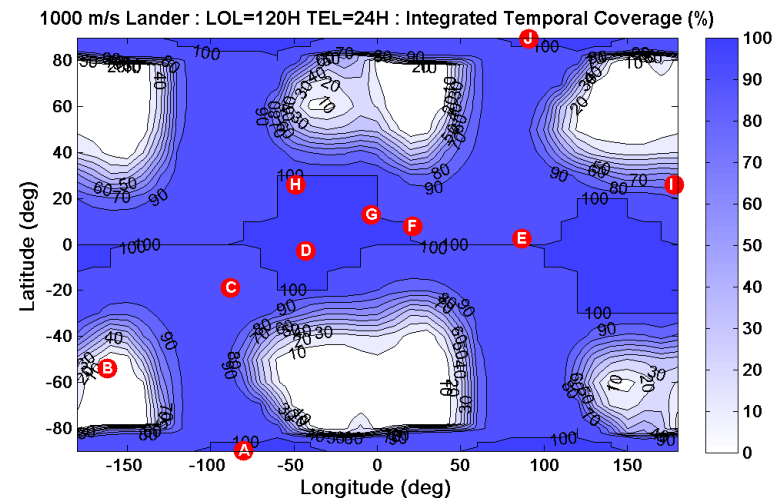
Nominal Mission (no extended Altair loiter)



4 Days Altair Post-LOI Extended Loiter



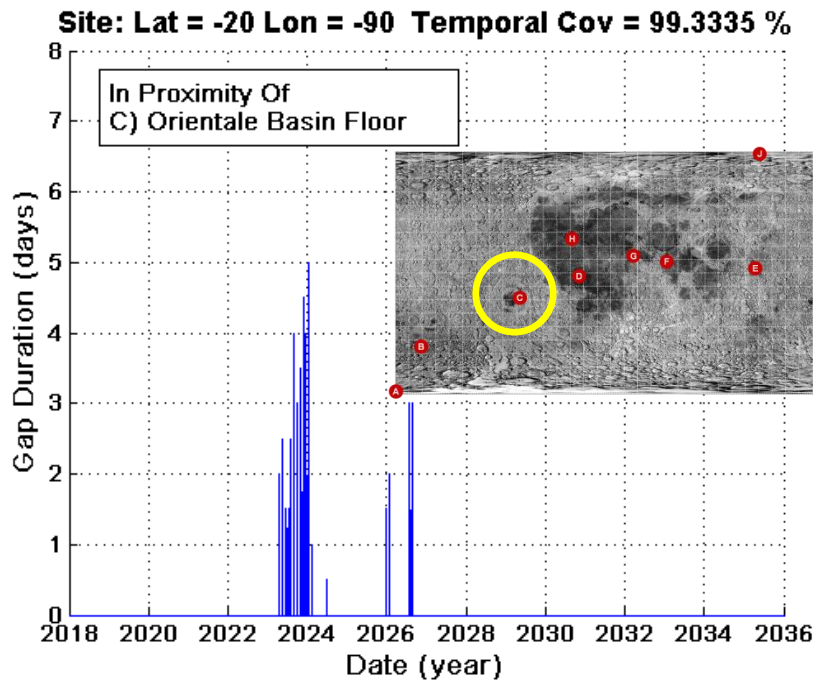
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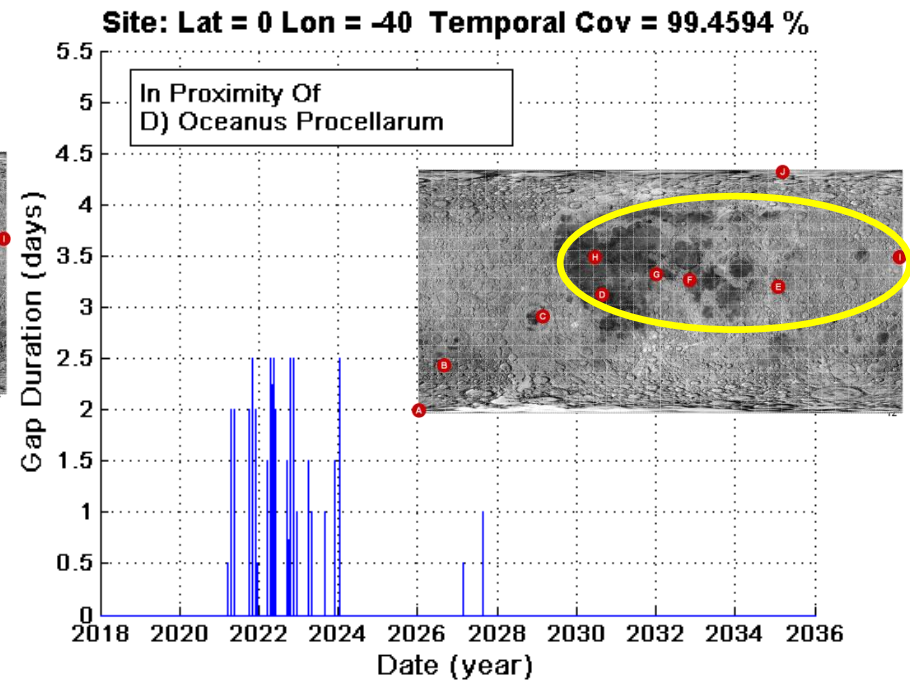
Gap Analysis – ESAS Sites Temporal Coverage

Integrated Altair/Orion gap assessment
4 days of extended LOI loiter and no extended TEI loiter
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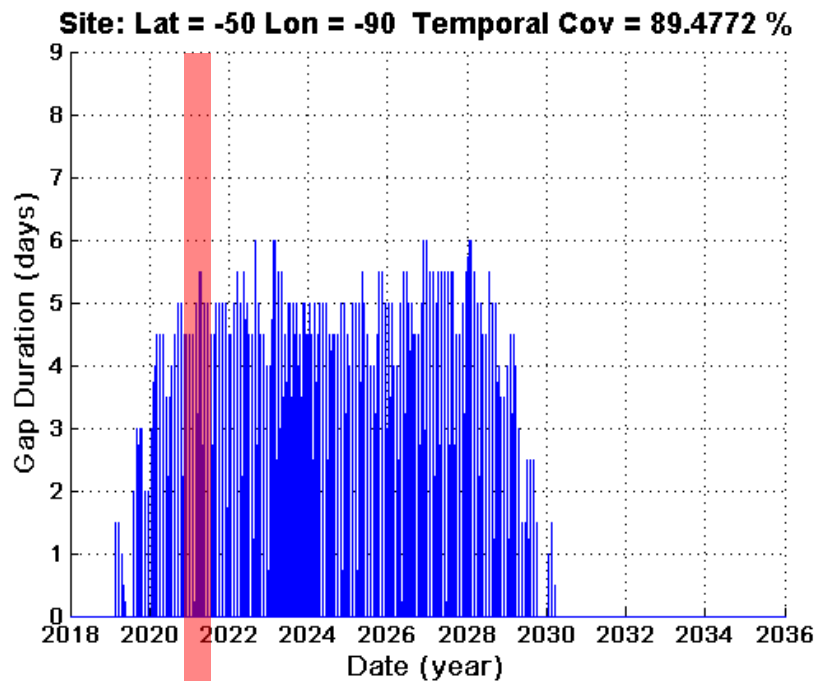
Typical Coverage for Equatorial ESAS Landing Sites (D – H)



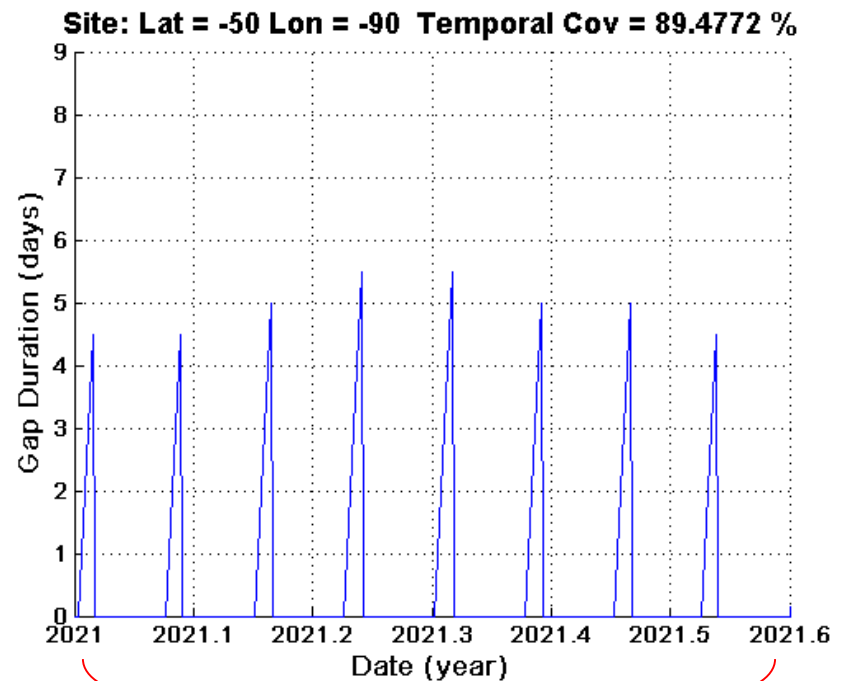
Gap Analysis – 90% Temporal Coverage Example

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90% Temporal Coverage Site



Zoom-in of Peak Capability Gaps
for the 90% Coverage Case



Lunar Orbit Maintenance - Constellation

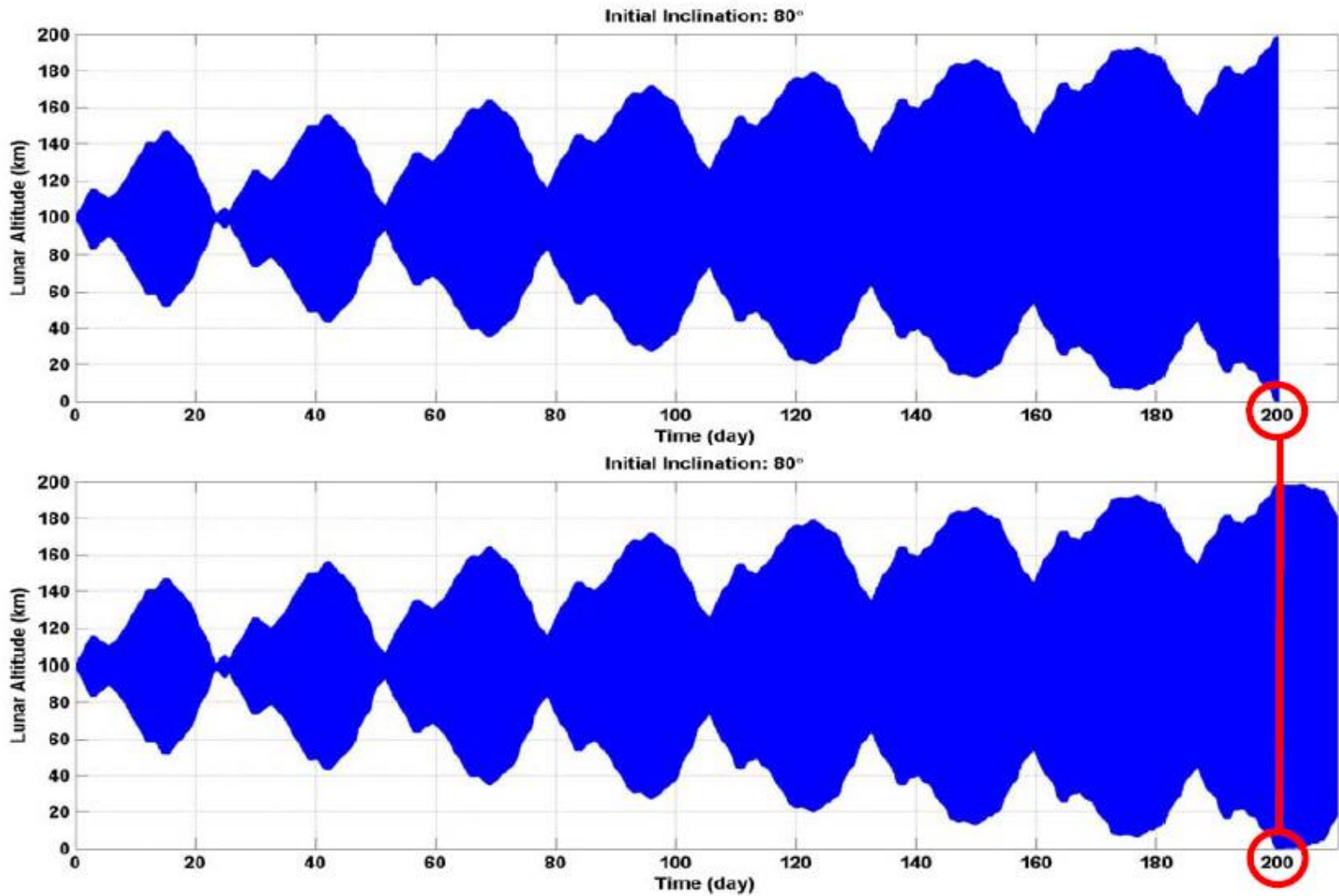
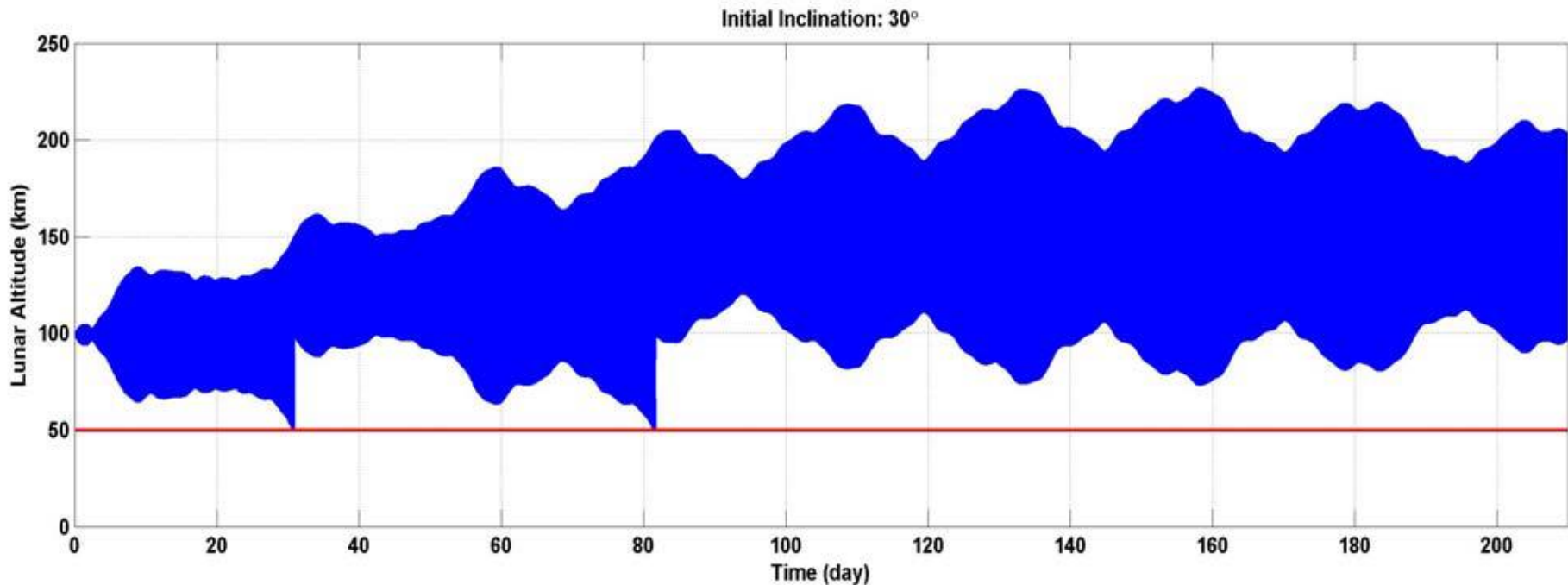


Figure 2-5: Comparison of propagation using the 50 x 50 (top) versus the 150 x 150 (bottom) fields at an 80° inclination.

Lunar Orbit Maintenance - Constellation

- Introduction of lunar orbit maintenance burns
- Deadband – restore periapsis to 100 km; let apoapsis float (until final or pre-departure maneuver)



Lunar Orbit Maintenance - Constellation

- For 100x 100 km lunar orbit, the minimum total DV cost occurs for orbits with inclinations of 85° and 95°

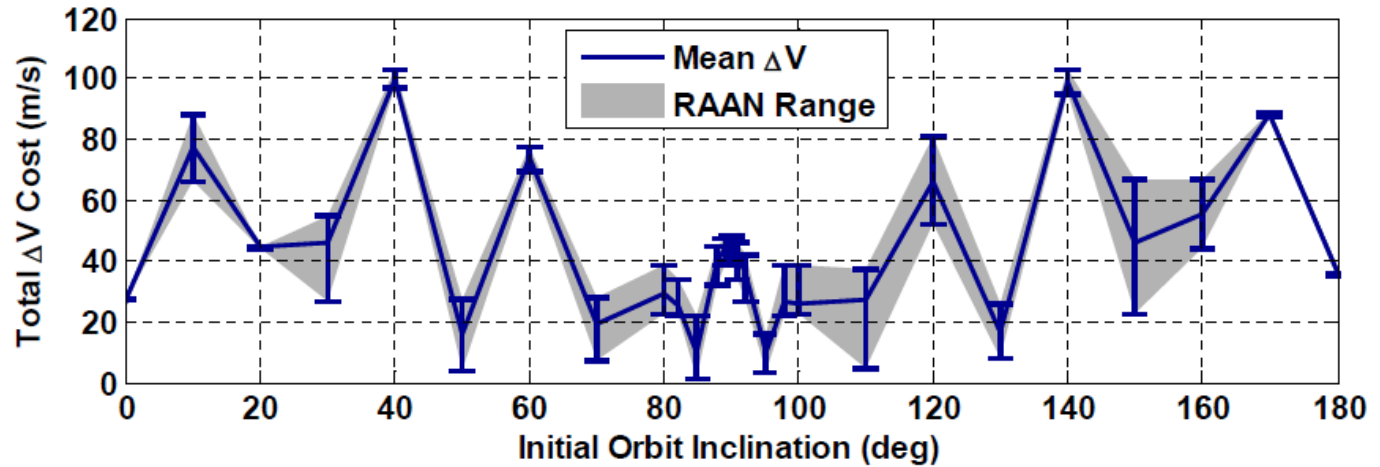
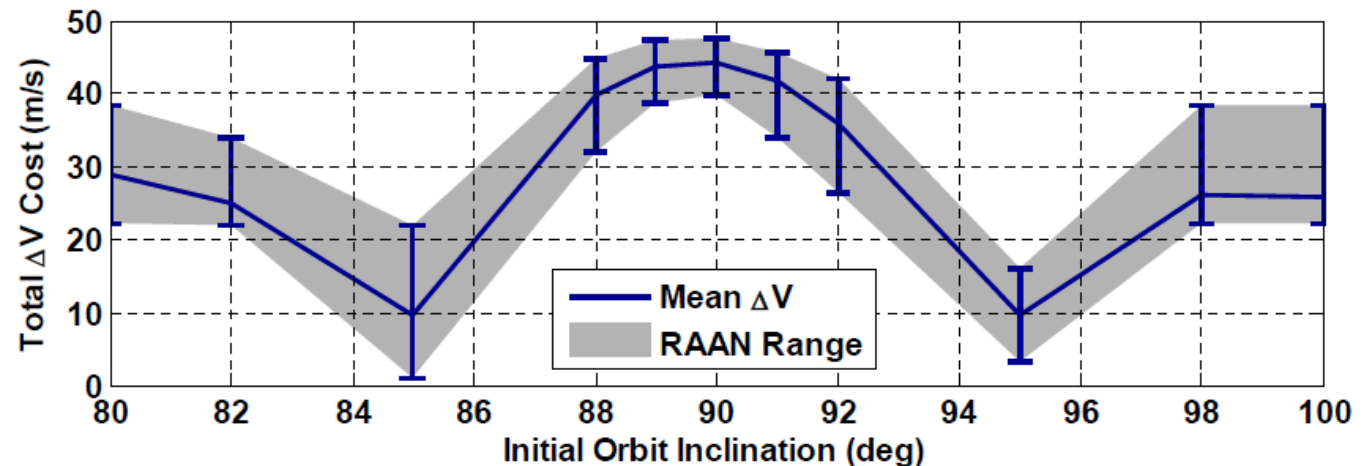


Figure 2-12: RAAN sensitivity across inclination.



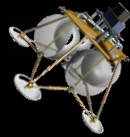
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Moon Age and Regolith Experiment



MARE



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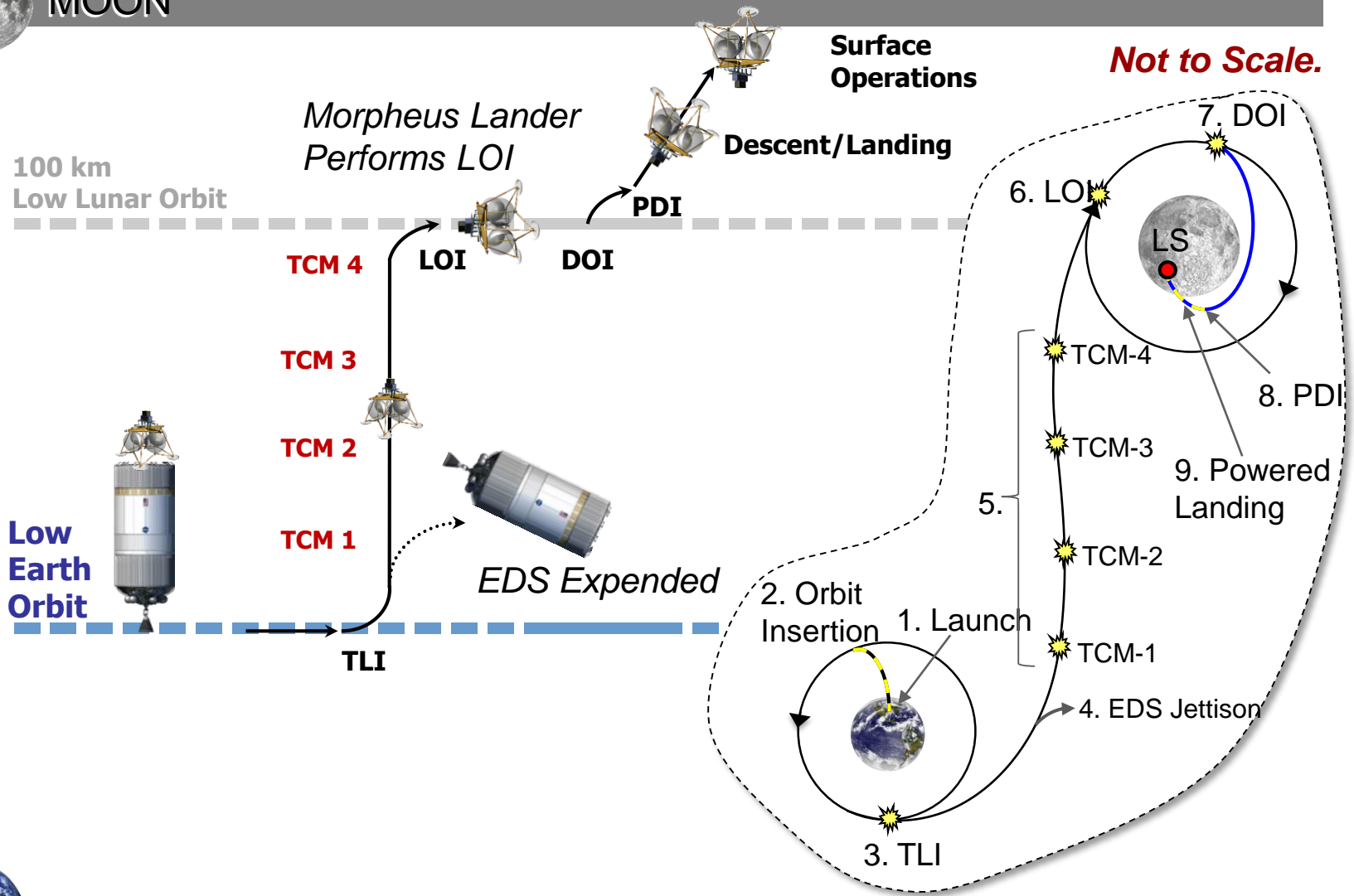
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MARE mission overview



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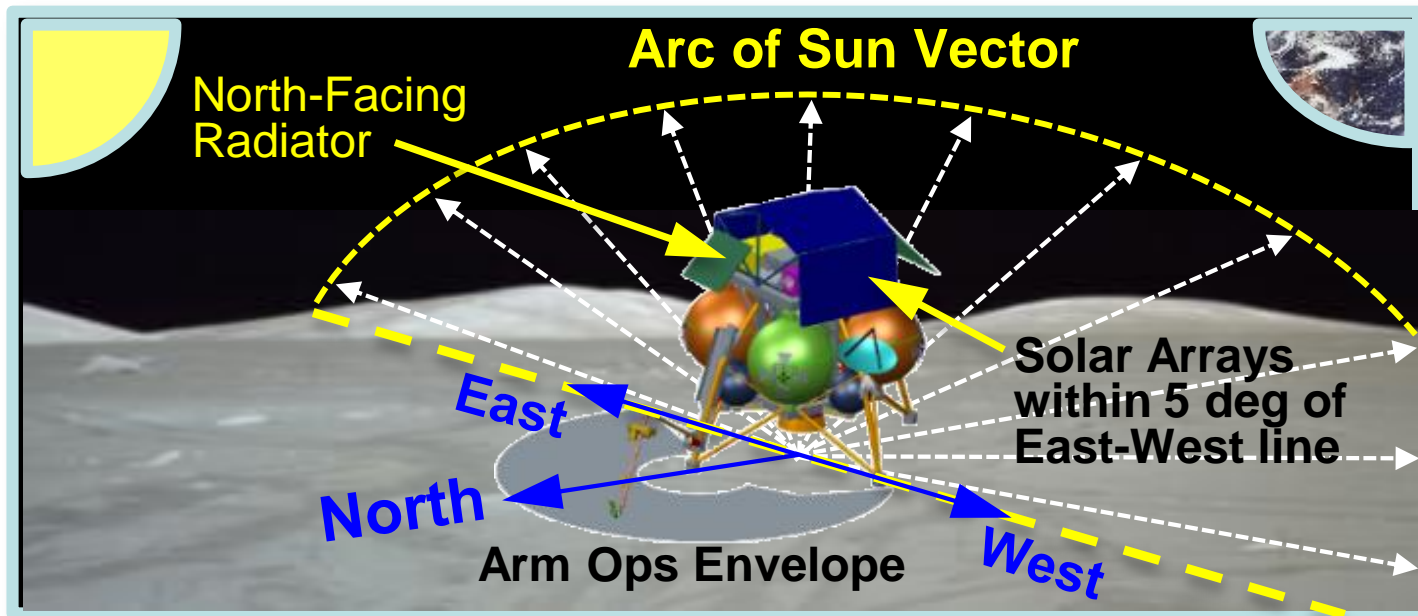


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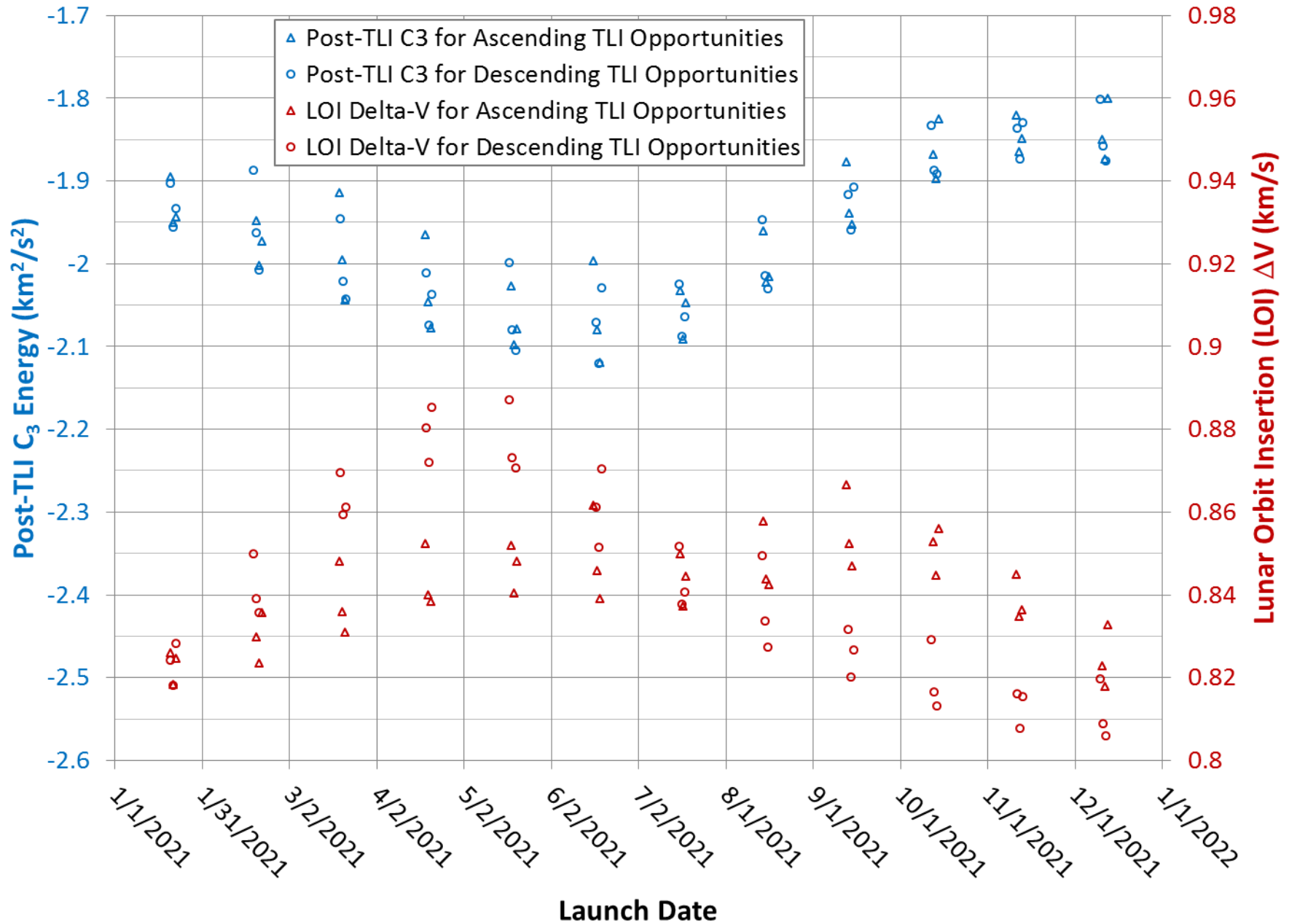
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Lunar Day – Solar Arc

LUNAR SURFACE DAY OPS: ~13.5 DAYS



TLI and LOI Performance Scan for 2021 – 3 Ascending and 3 Descending TLI Opportunities per Landing Opportunity at 10° Sun Elevation for 23.4° N, 60.0° W

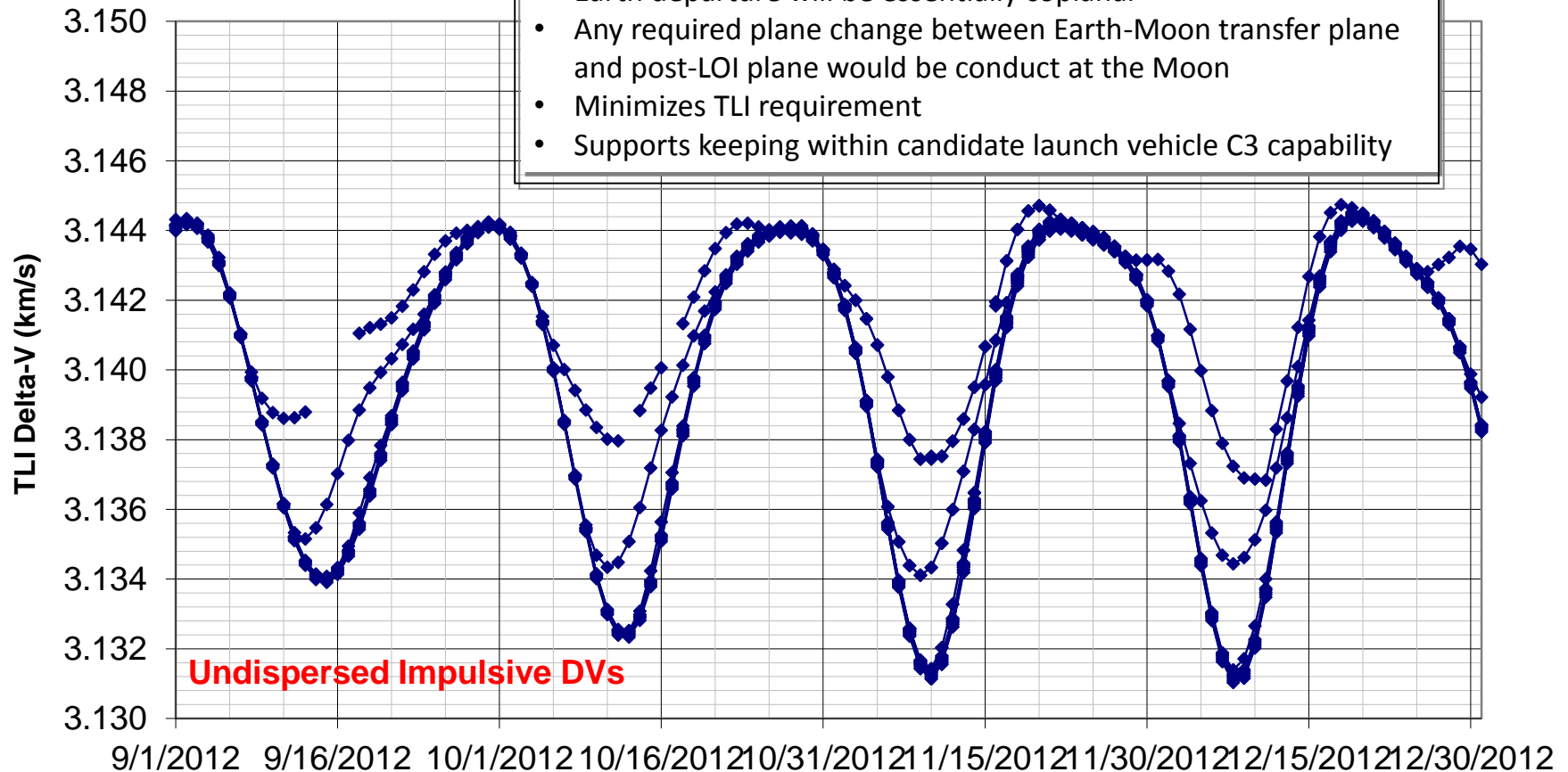


TLI ΔV vs Lunar Arrival Epoch

Earth Moon Transfer

[4.5 Day Flight Time, LLO Inclination sweep from 90 to 180, Optimal LLO LAN]

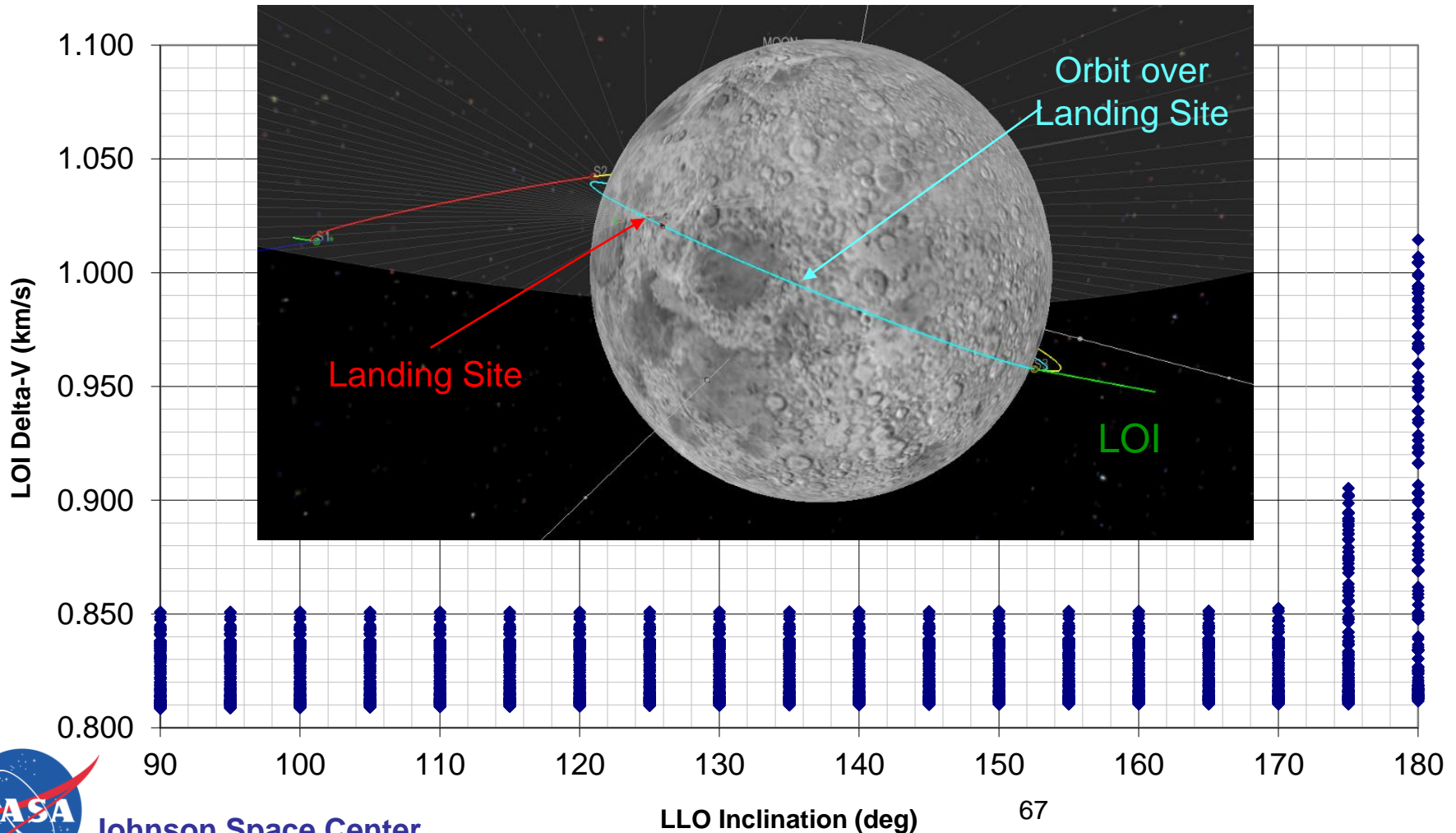
- Earth departure will be essentially coplanar
- Any required plane change between Earth-Moon transfer plane and post-LOI plane would be conducted at the Moon
- Minimizes TLI requirement
- Supports keeping within candidate launch vehicle C3 capability



LOI ΔV vs Lunar Arrival Inclination For Selected Arrival Epochs

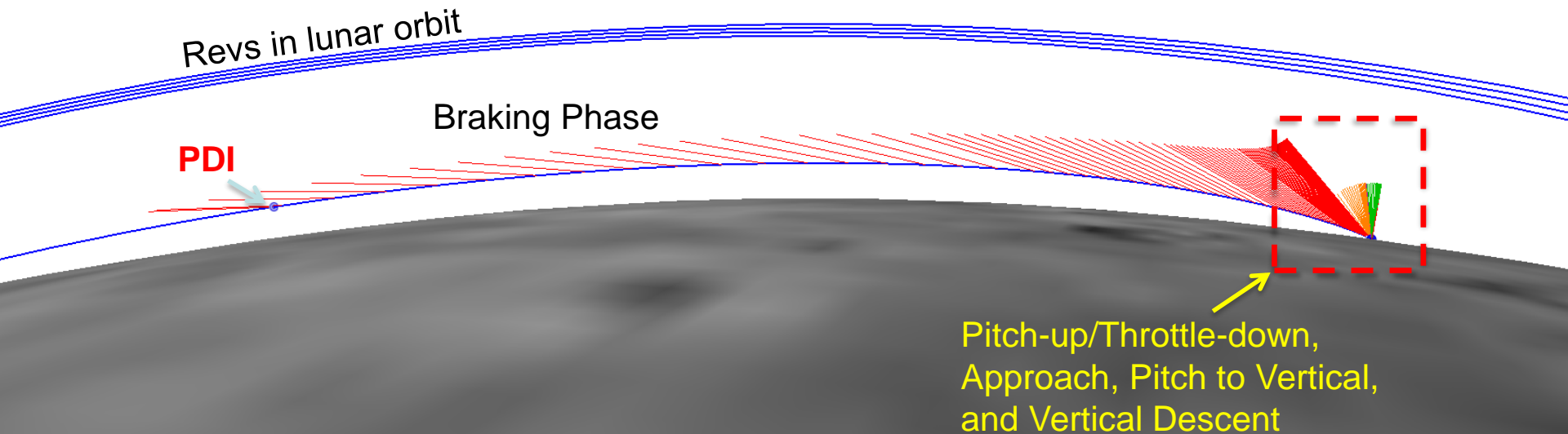
Earth Moon Transfer

[4.5 Day Flight Time, LLO Inclination sweep from 90 to 180, Optimal LLO LAN]



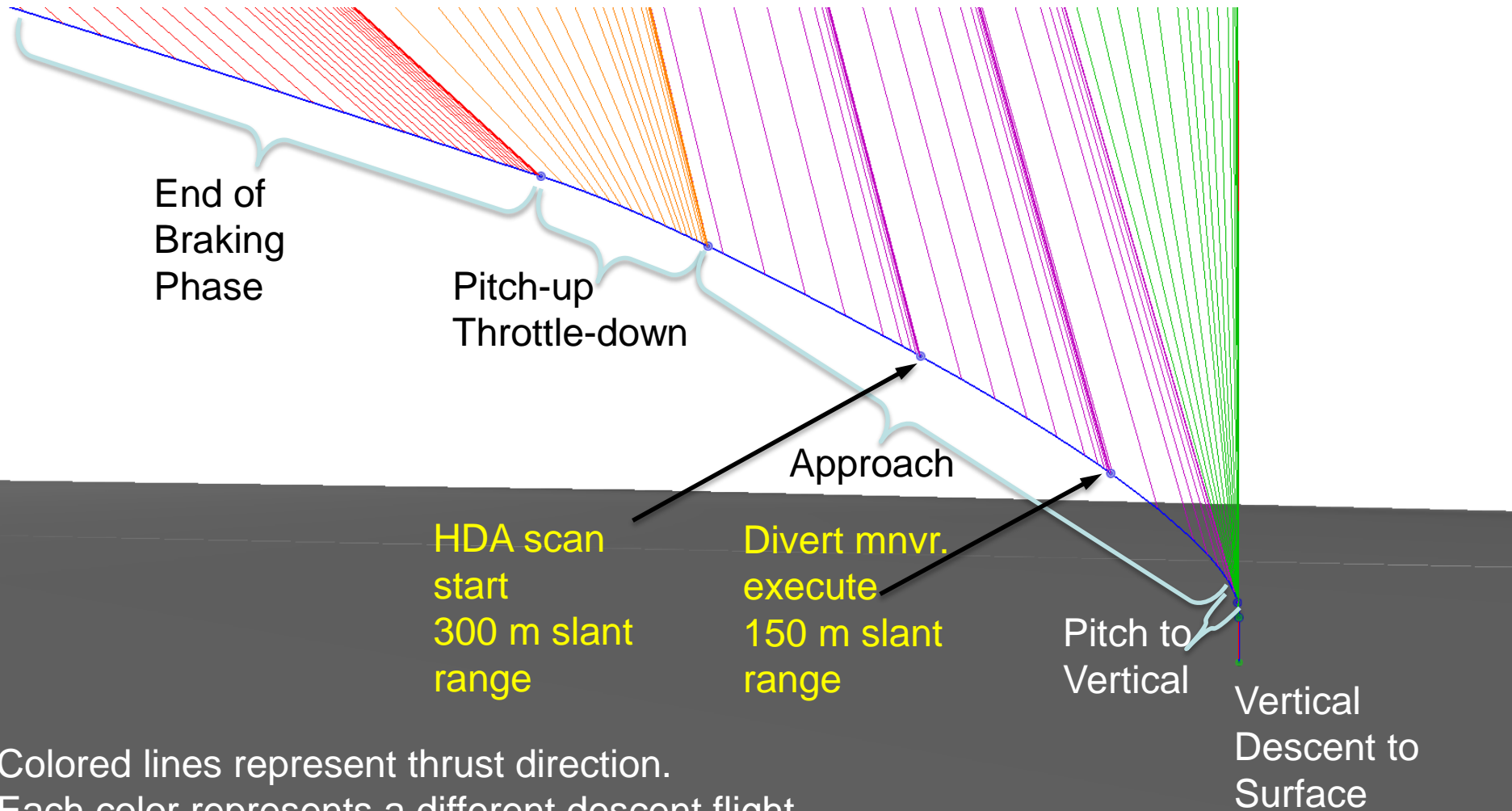
Powered Lunar Descent

- Primary Phases:
 - PDI, braking, pitch-up/throttle-down, approach, pitch to vertical, and vertical descent



Colored lines represent thrust direction.
Each color represents a different descent flight phase.

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EM-1: Uncrewed Distant Retrograde Orbit 2018



Objectives:

- Demonstrate spacecraft systems performance prior to crewed flight
- Demonstrate high speed entry (~11 km/s) and TPS performance prior to crewed flight

DRM - Uncrewed MPCV

- Lunar capable heat shield
- 4 tank SM with full prop load
- EM-2 systems not included: ECLSS, Crew Systems, LAS Abort Motors (Inert)

Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS) used to provide TLI burn

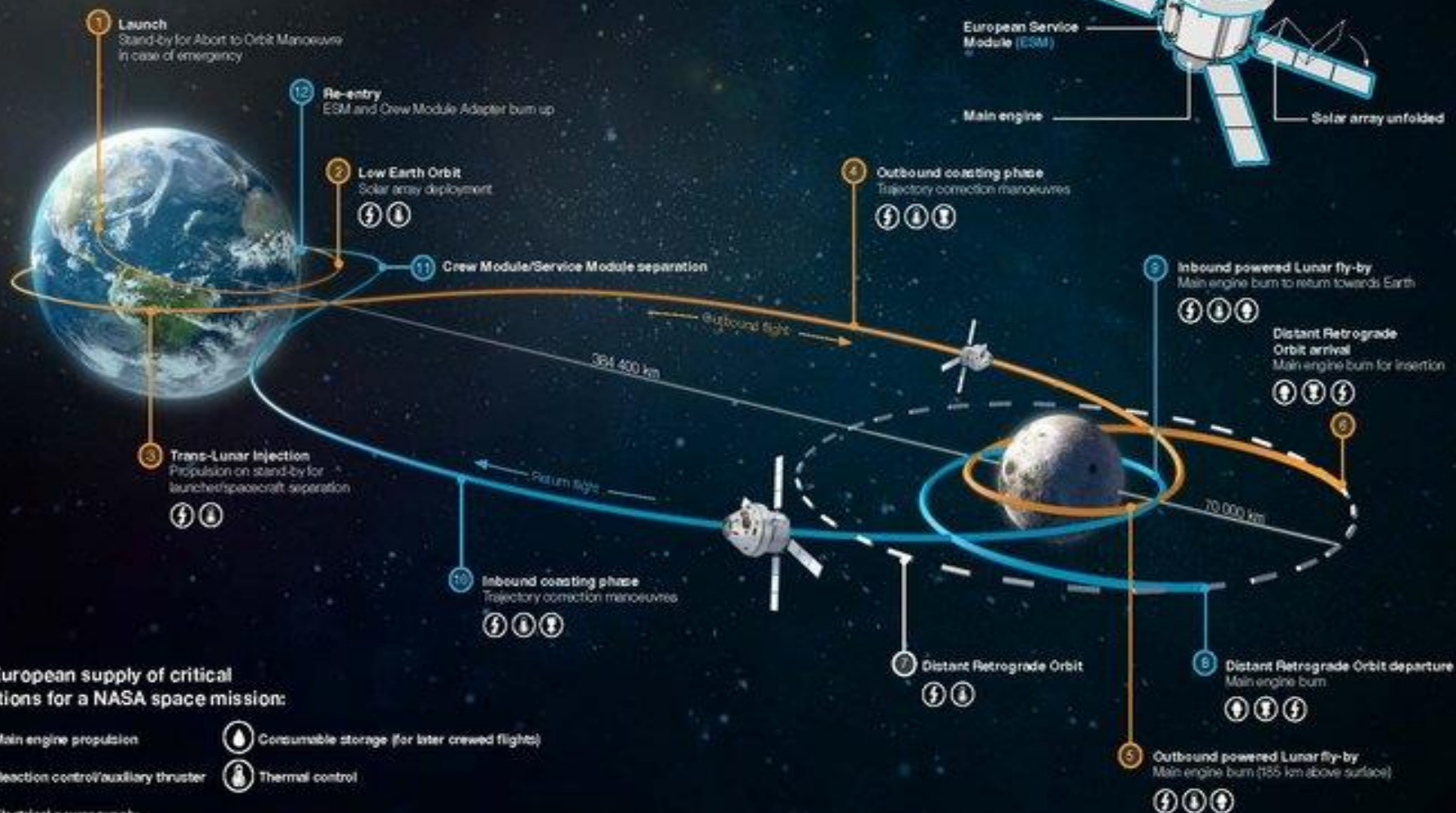
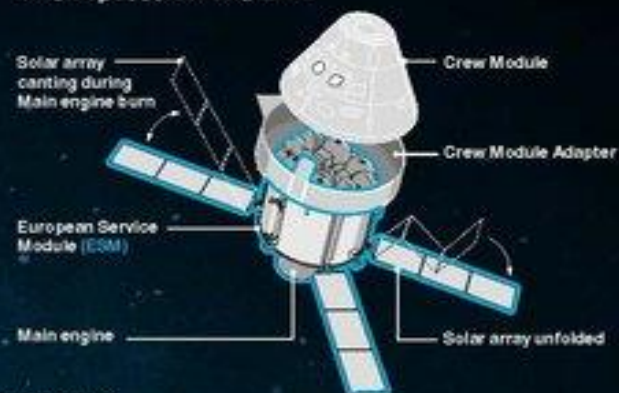


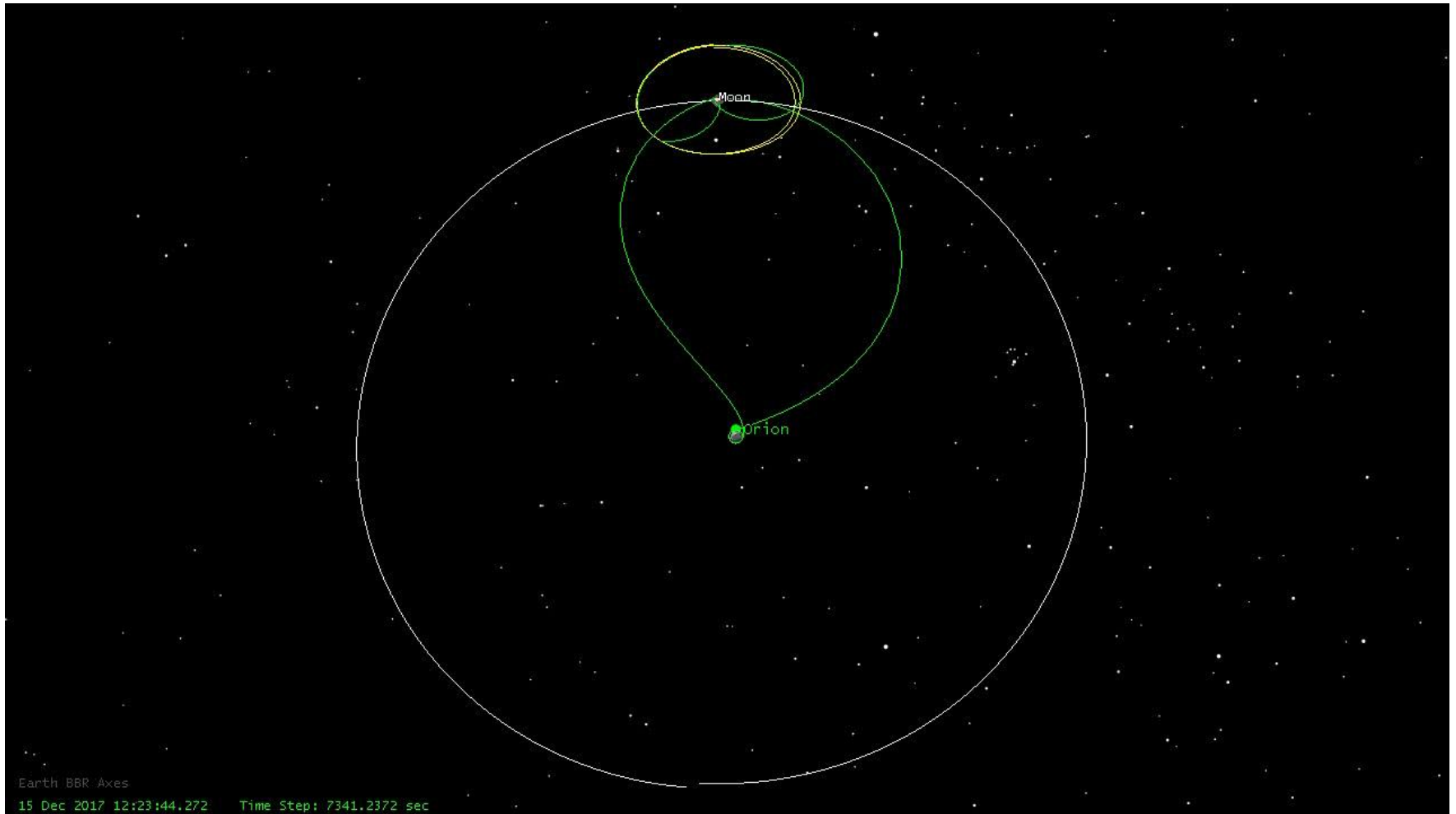
Journey around the Moon

EM-1

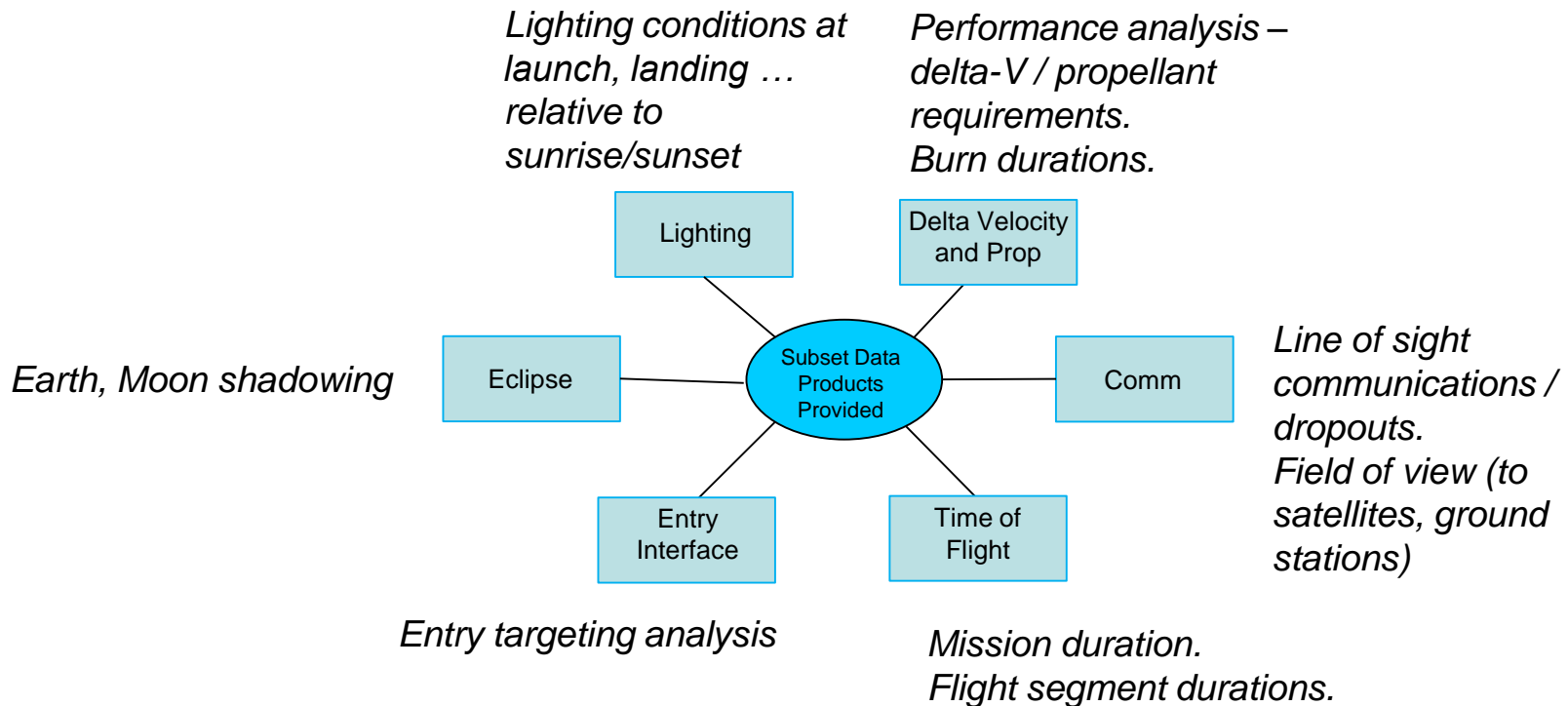
While travelling around the Moon and back on its first mission (EM-1), the unmanned NASA Orion spacecraft will demonstrate its systems and high speed entry performance prior to crewed flights. Under an ESA contract, Airbus Defence and Space is **building the European Service Module (ESM)** that will power the spacecraft and hence provide critical functions during the whole mission:

Orion spacecraft and ESM





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EM-2

MTLI-Free Minimum Mission

HEO Demonstration Orbit

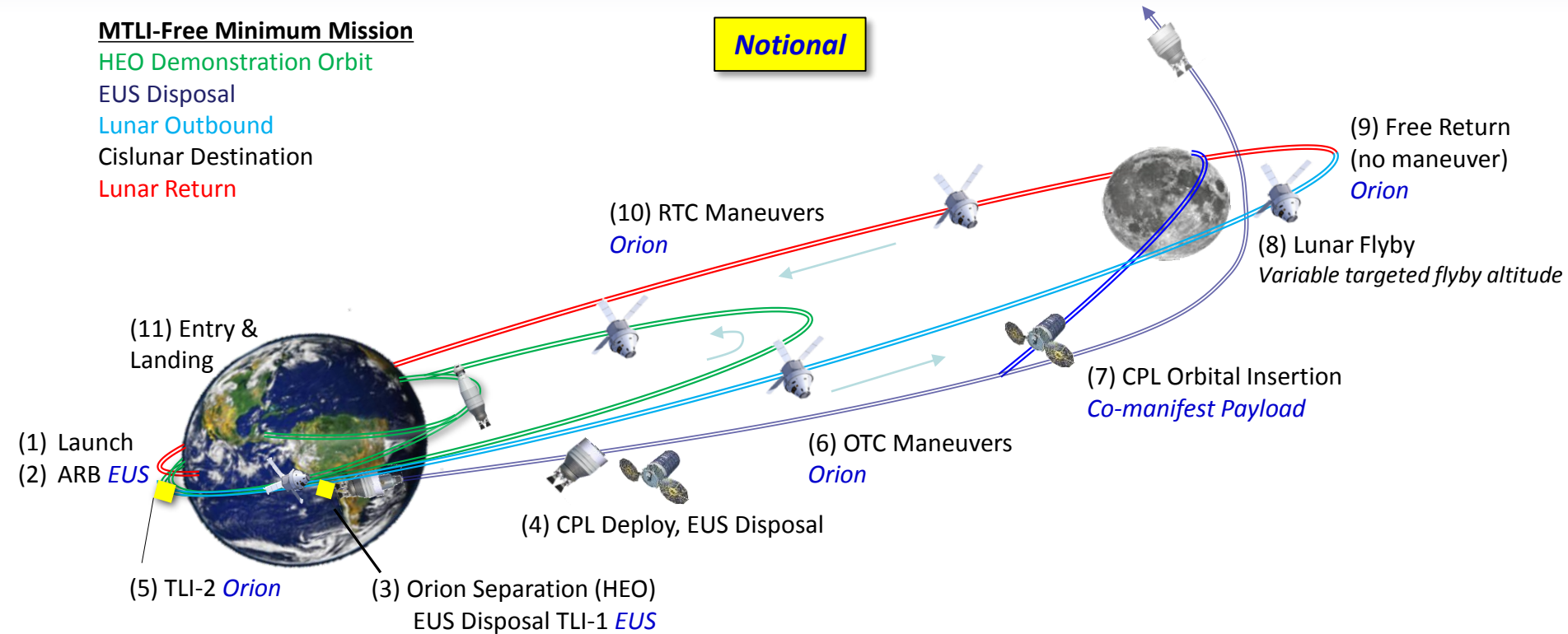
EUS Disposal

Lunar Outbound

Cislunar Destination

Lunar Return

Notional



1-2) LEO parking orbit, orbit checkout, and EUS "TLI"-ARB demonstration

3-4) Orion separates after majority of EUS TLI burn, achieves safe sep distance, EUS completes TLI-1 with disposal maneuver & deploys CPL

5) Orion flight test system characterization occurs in HEO, TLI-2 performed by Orion, initial mission duration fixed by target altitude

6) Option available to increase mission duration TLI-2 OTC-1 with fly-by altitude raise

7) CPL performs completely independent mission, non-critical path to mission success

8-9) Free return flyby, no Orion critical maneuvers required

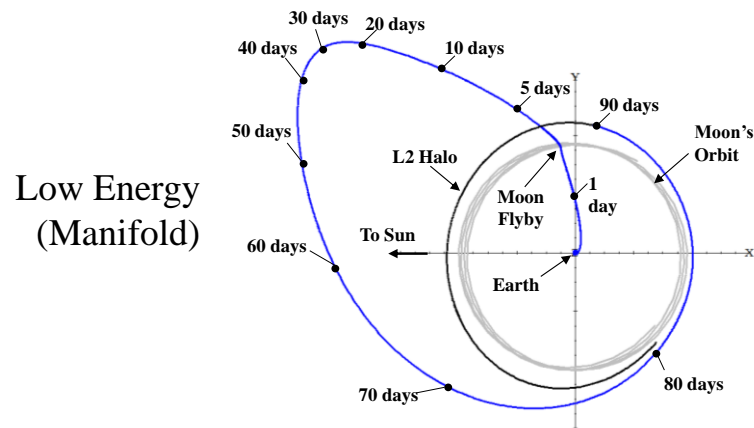
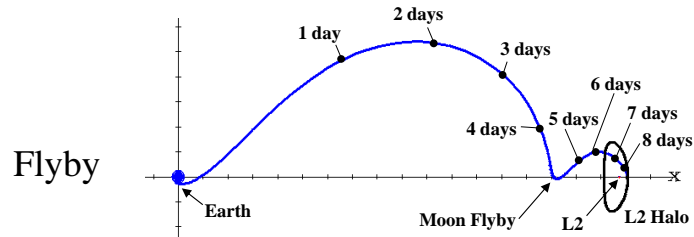
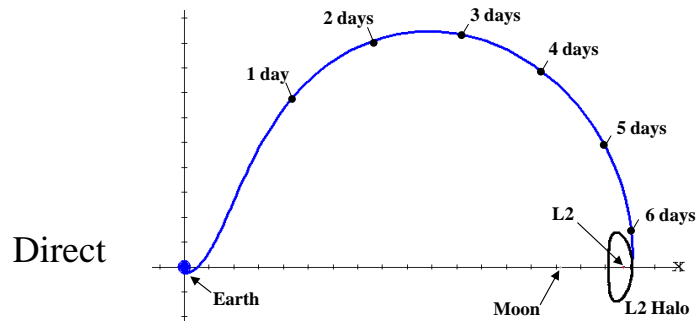
10-11) Nominal mission return and cis-lunar entry velocity targeting San Diego vicinity

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Transfer Options to EM-L2



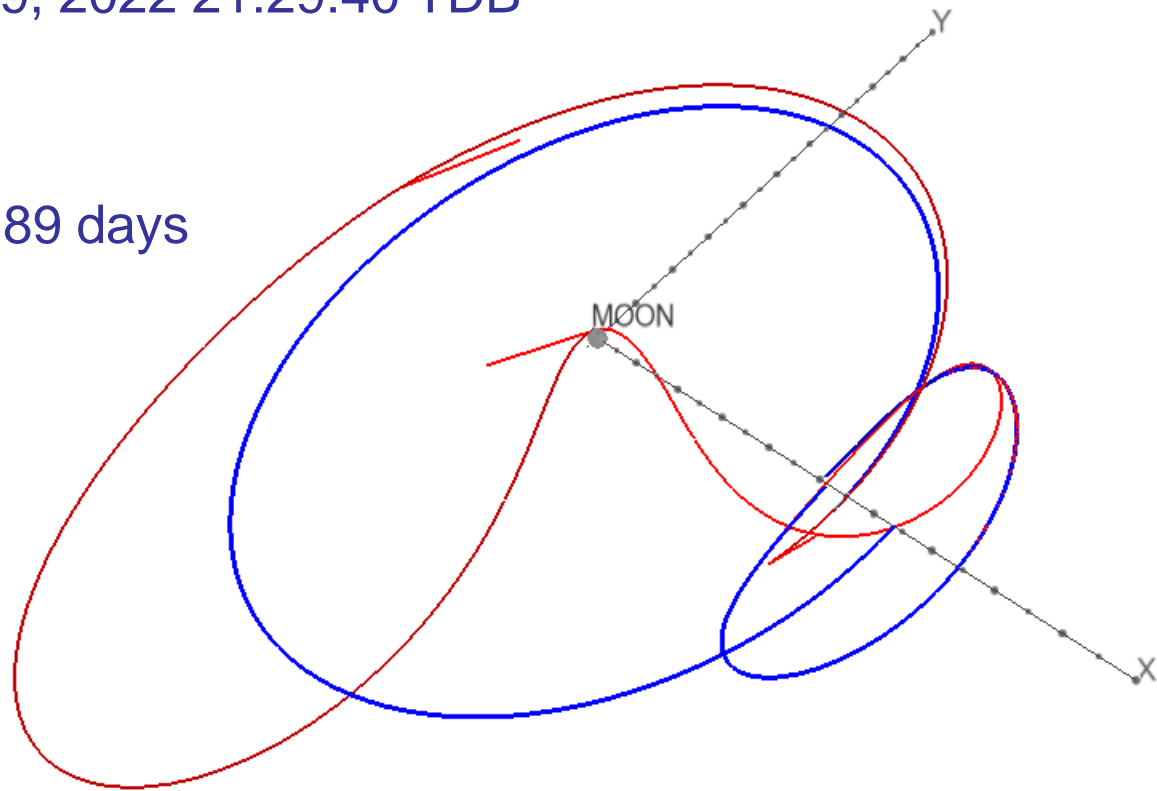
Initial 185x185 km LEO Altitude

Mission Type	Flight Time (days)	Earth Departure C3 (km ² /s ²)	LEO Departure ΔV (m/s)	L2 Halo Arrival + Flyby ΔV (m/s)	Total ΔV (m/s)
Direct	6.3	-1.685	3151	967	4118
Lunary Flyby	8.4	-2.083	3133	294	3427
Manifold	89.6	-1.991	3195	0	3246

Results

EML2H to DRO

- 3-impulse transfer (flyby, midcourse, and insertion)
- Departure epoch: Nov 29, 2022 21:29:40 TDB
- Halo A_z : 2,000 km
- Total Δv : 126.7 m/s
- Total Transfer Time: 37.89 days

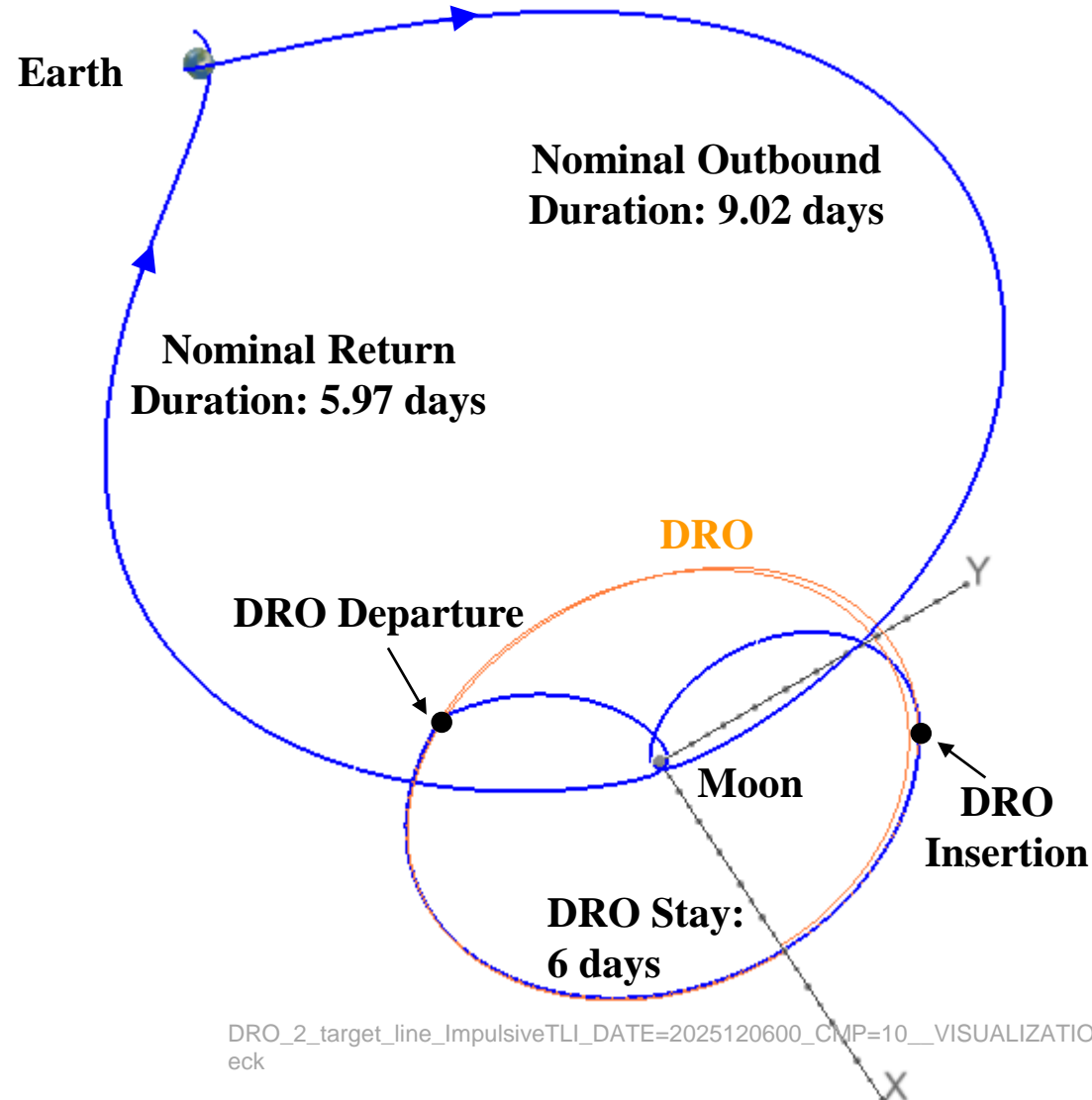


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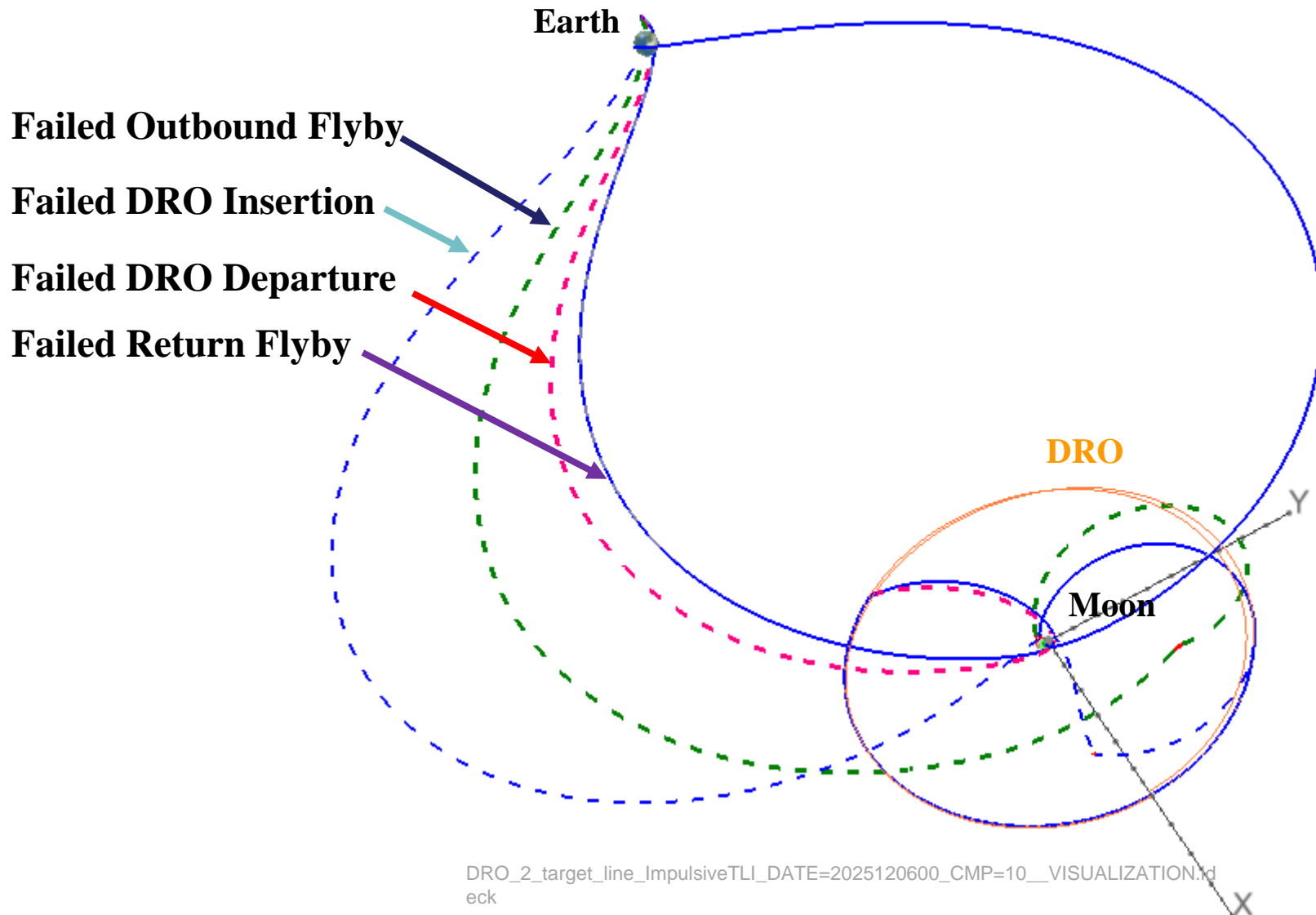
Results

LEO to DRO- Nominal

- Departure epoch: Nov 28, 2025
- Departure C3 = $-2.089 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}^2$
- Total Orion ΔV : 892.7 m/s
- Total Orion Prop: 7,885 kg
- Total Nominal Mission Duration: 21 days
- All Aborts Possible Within 21 days.

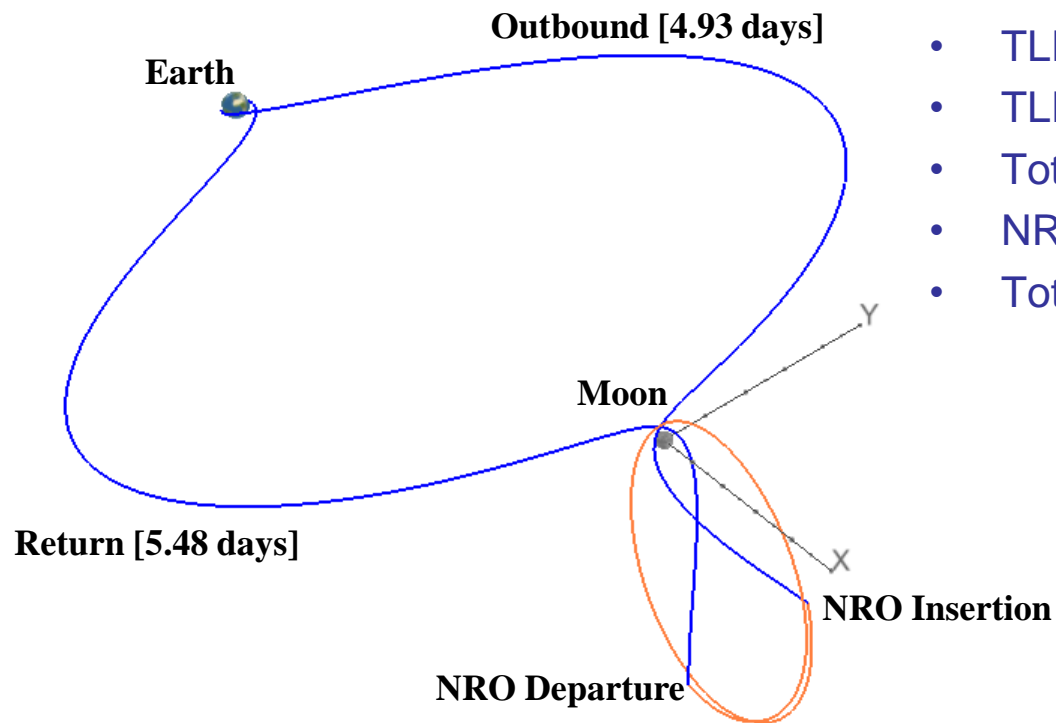


LEO to DRO- Abort



Results

LEO to NRO - Nominal



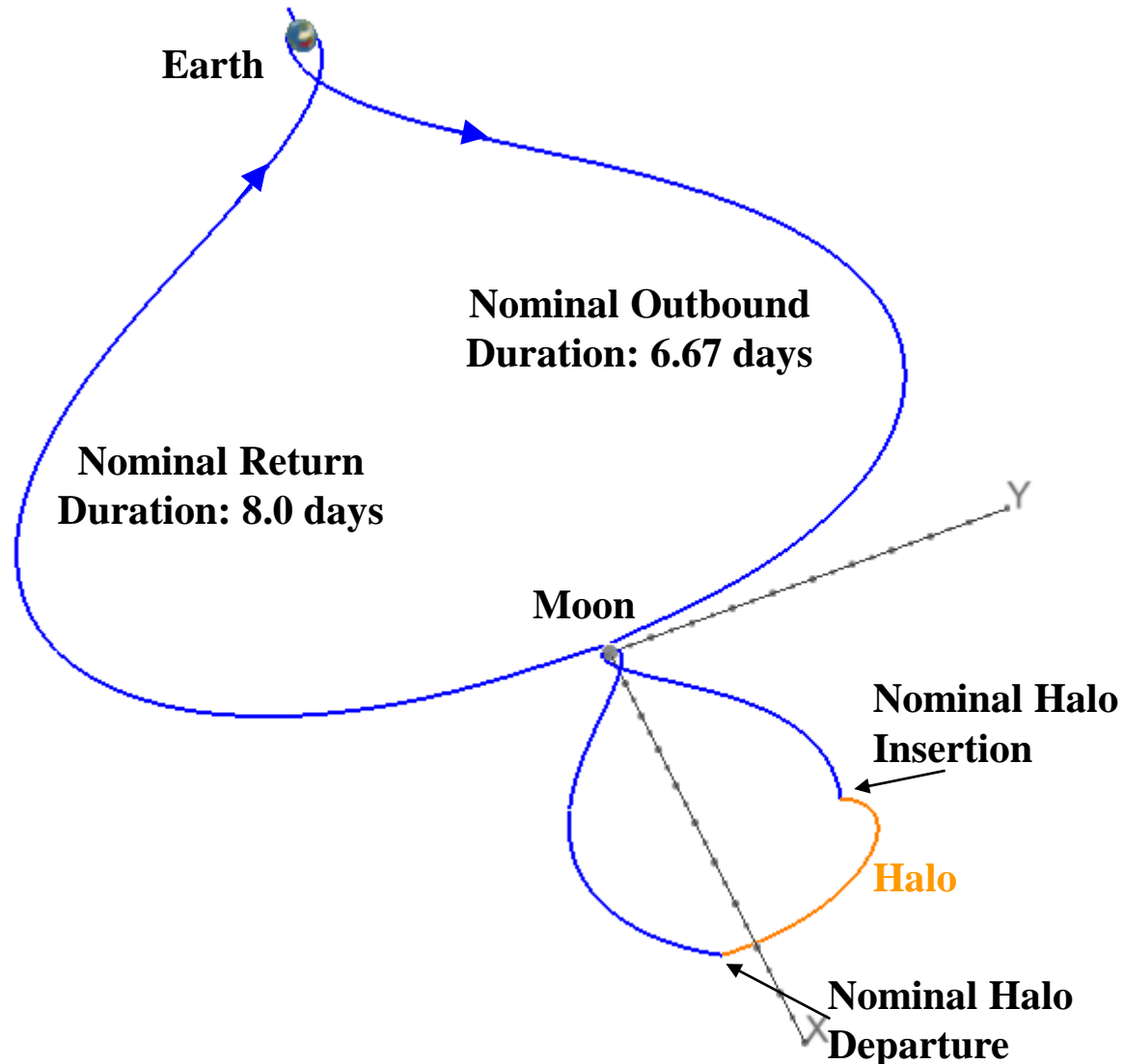
- TLI epoch: 1-Dec 2025 10:14:45 TDB
- TLI C_3 : -2.155 km/s
- Total Mission Duration: 21.00 days
- NRO Stay Time: 10.57 days
- Total Orion Prop: 7431.6 kg

Outbound Flyby: 213 m/s
NRO Insertion: 206 m/s
NRO Departure: 205 m/s
Return Flyby: 199 m/s

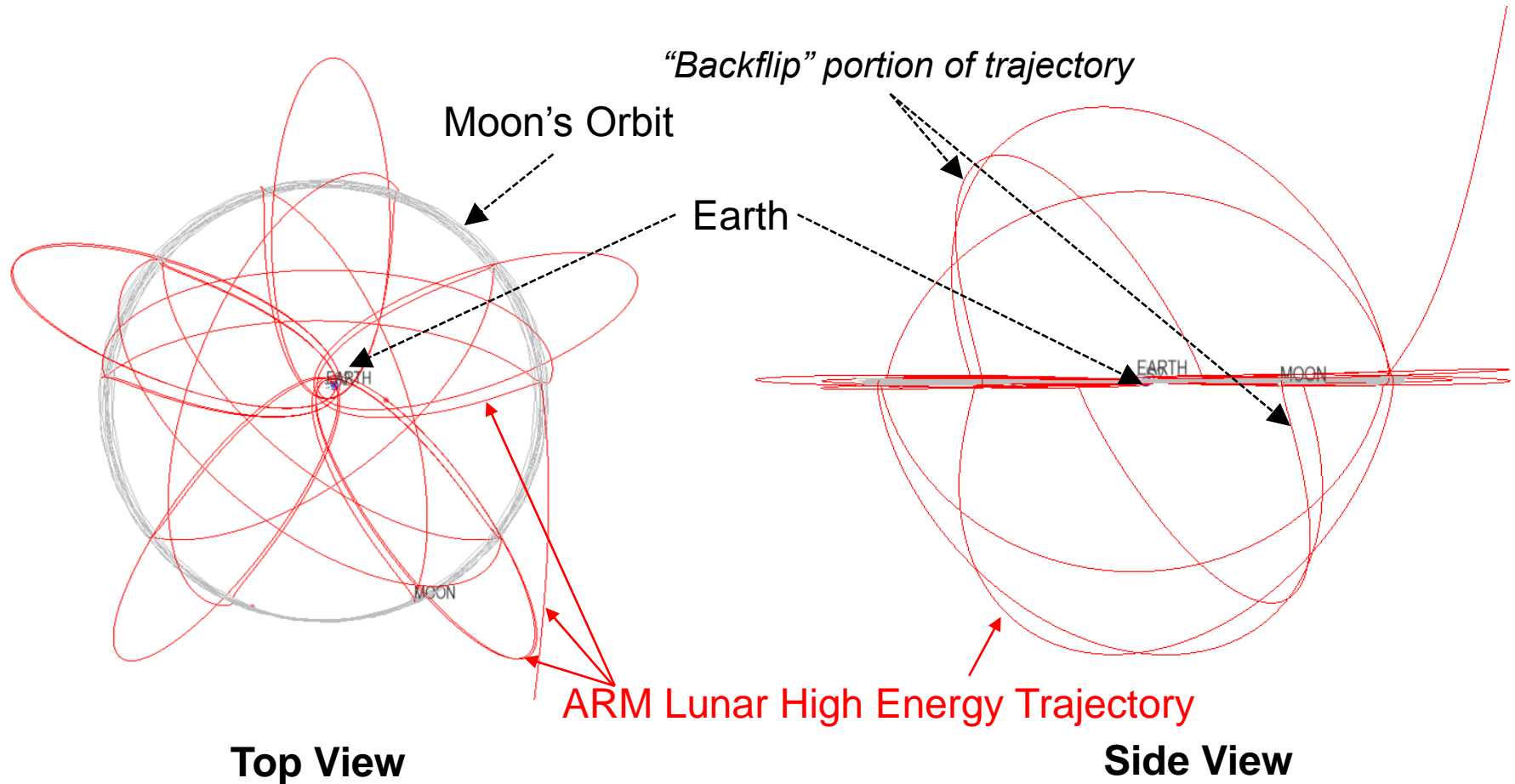
Results

LEO to EML2H - Nominal

- Departure epoch: Dec 8, 2025
- Departure C3 = $-1.896 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}^2$
- Halo $A_z = 2,638 \text{ km}$ (period ≈ 13.5 days)
- Total Orion Δv : 697.6 m/s
- Total Orion Prop: 6,469 kg
- Total time in EML2H vicinity: 6 days
- Total Nominal Mission Duration: 20.66 days
- All Aborts Possible Within 21 days.



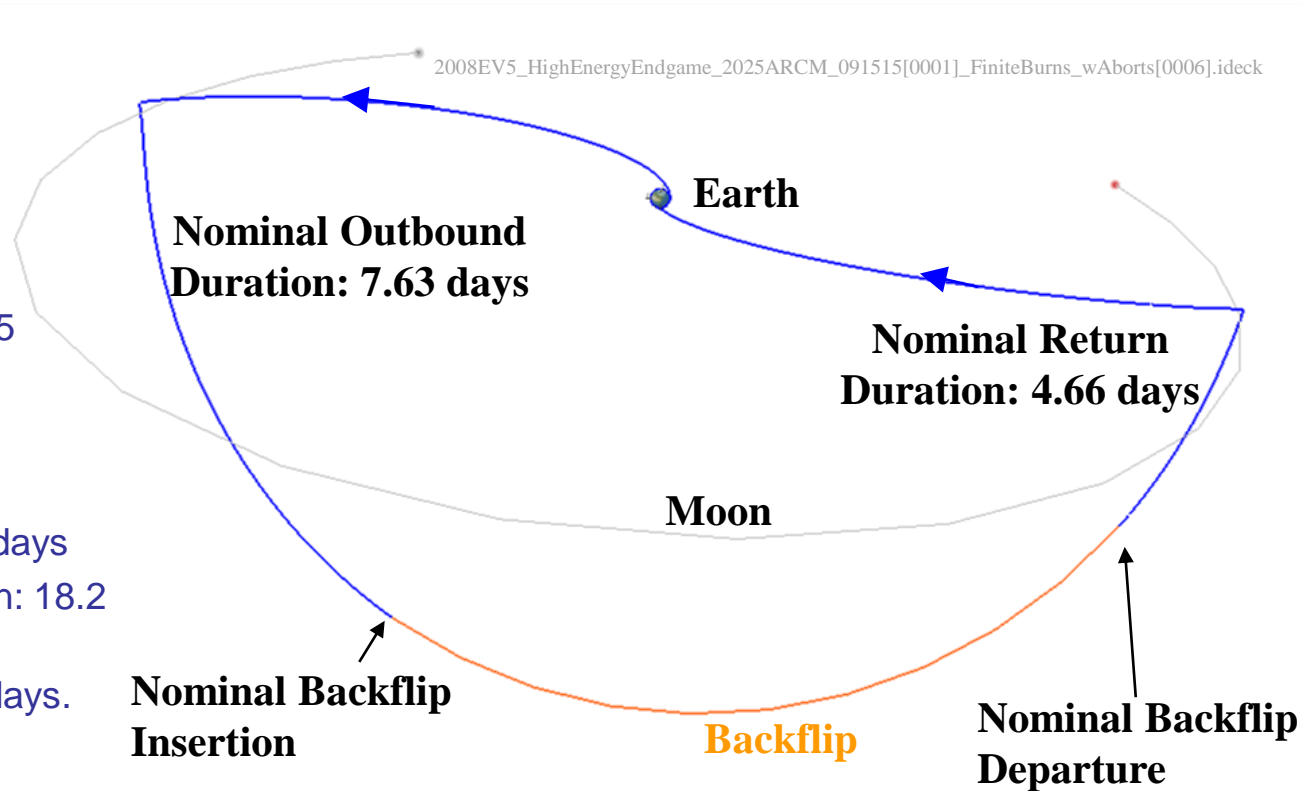
High Energy Trajectory



Results

LEO to High Energy - Nominal

- Departure epoch: Nov 25, 2025
- Departure C3 = $-1.740 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}^2$
- Total Orion Δv : 131.4 m/s
- Total Orion Prop: 1,512.9 kg
- Total time in lunar backflip: 6 days
- Total Nominal Mission Duration: 18.2 days
- All Aborts Possible Within 21 days.



BACKUP

The Road to GN&C

Conceptual Timeline

HQ Directive for new mission



Level 0 Requirements



Mission Design

Interconnected Tasks



Flight



Post-flight



Earth Ascent / Entry

Space Shuttle / Orbiter

Shuttle II

Liquid Fly Back Booster (LFBB)

Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle (HLLV)

Shuttle C Cargo Element (SCE)

Crew Logistics Vehicle (CLV)

Personal Launch System (PLS)

Reuseable Launch Vehicles (RLVs)

X-38 (Phoenix, V131, V132, V131r, V201

Parafoil Systems Tests

Crew Rescue Vehicle (CRV/ACRV)

2nd Generation Launch Vehicle

Space Launch Initiative (SLI)

Columbia Investigation

Orbital Space Plane (OSP)

Shuttle Return To Flight (RTF)



Exploration: Moon Specific

Apollo

Interlune One

First Lunar Outpost (FLO)

Lunar Transfer Vehicle (LTV)

Lunar Excursion Vehicle (LEV)

Lunar Scout

Common Lunar Lander (CLL)

Lunar Ice Discoverer Mission

Reusable Lunar Lander

Human Lunar Return (HLR)

Lunar Gateway Station



Previous Projects Support & Studies

Exploration: General Application

Human Spaceflight Chapter

Low Thrust Trajectories

NEP Architecture

Artificial Gravity

Formation Flying Team

Next Decadal Planning Team

TransHab Module

HEDS /Exploration Blueprint

NASA Exploration Team

Planetary Aerocapture

New Exploration Vision

Exploration: Mars Specific

Mars Transfer Vehicle (MTV)

Mars Excursion Vehicle (MEV)

Pathfinder X

Mars Combo Lander

Mars Precision Landing

Mars on a Shoe String (MOSS)

Mars Global Surveyor Team

Mars Sample Return (MSR) Direct

Mars 3 Magnum Mission

Mars Rover Sample Return (MRSR)

Mars ISRU Sample Return (MISR)

Mars Sample Return (MSR) Split Mission

Mars 2001/03/05/07/09 (Phoenix)

Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) 2009



Earth Orbit

LifeSat Satellite

Hubble Refurbishment

Wakeshield Experiment

Orbital Transfer Vehicle (OTV)

Orbital Maneuvering Vehicle (OMV)

Aeroassist Flight Experiment (AFE)

Shuttle Flight Experiments

Space Station Freedom (SSF)

International Space Station (ISS/ISSA)

